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ON THE COVER: When Marcy Weatherly Morris' parents sent her to an all-girls school in 1946, the last thing they expected was for her to fall in love with a fellow student. She is pictured with her husband and classmate, Elmer "Juney" Morris, who came to Mary Washington on the GI Bill that same year.

THIS SPREAD: In August, faculty and staff welcomed new students at Eagle Gathering with the lighting of hundreds of candles, representing the torch of knowledge at the center of the UMW seal. President Richard V. Hurley told students the light "stands for the desire to learn, to grow, to serve, to lead, and, in all things, to give our best in search of meaning and truth. This light symbolizes the core values of our community."

Photos by Norm Shafer





Dear Editor,
Dr. Maureen Marks [*Patient Doctor*, Summer 2013] has inspired me beyond all imagination!

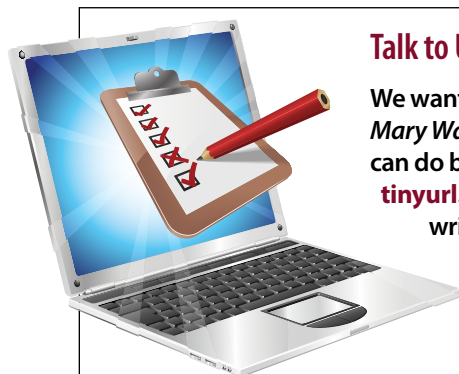
I am 62, soon to be 63, and I am finishing my second master's degree; this time as a professional counselor. I plan to go on to a doctoral program in clinical psychology when I retire from my current job in 2015 as a professional nurse.

Your story opens up many possibilities and stretches my imagination for how I may pursue my dreams. I too am full of energy and could work another 20 years or more.

God bless you, Dr. Marks, and continue to shoot for the stars.

Jacquelin Branche
Richmond, Va.

Maureen Argo Marks '75



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– The *UMW Magazine* Staff

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Winter Means “Great Lives” at UMW

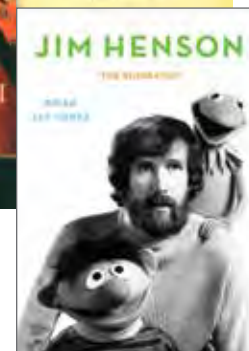
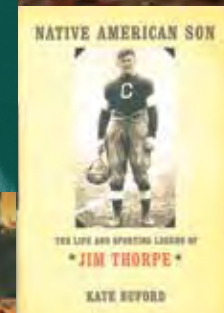
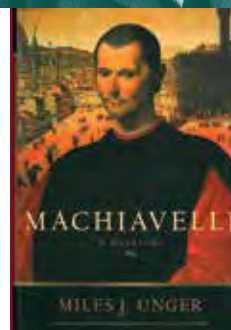
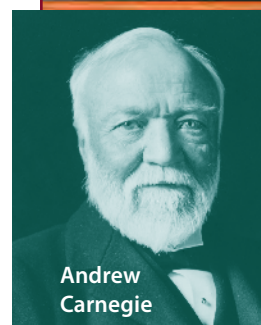
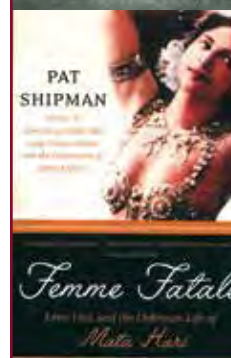
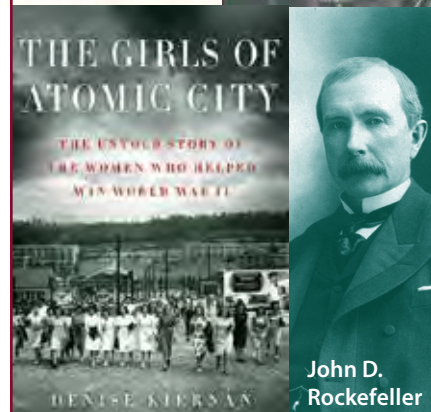
The Chappell Lecture Series: Great Lives begins its 11th season in January 2014 with a lecture on one of America’s most vilified figures, assassin John Wilkes Booth. Washington, D.C., attorney and writer David O. Stewart, author of the recent historical novel *The Lincoln Deception*, is the speaker.

The remaining 17 lectures cover a wide range of figures, from Spartacus and Augustus to Bob Dylan and Jim Henson. Among the speakers are two Pulitzer Prize-winning biographers, David Garrow (Martin Luther King Jr.) and Debby Applegate (Henry Ward Beecher).

The final program features Reeve Lindbergh, daughter of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, who will discuss her famous parents, based on her family memoir, *Under a Wing*.

- Jan. 16 **John Wilkes Booth** by attorney David O. Stewart: *The Lincoln Deception*
- Jan. 28 **Jim Henson** by Brian Jay Jones: *Jim Henson: The Biography*
- Feb. 4 **Martin Luther King Jr.** by David Garrow of University of Pittsburgh Law School: *Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference*
- Feb. 6 **Bob Dylan** by Sean Wilentz of Princeton University: *Bob Dylan in America*
- Feb. 11 **The Hatfields and McCoys** by Dean King: *The Feud: The Hatfields & McCoys: The True Story*
- Feb. 20 **Jim Thorpe** by Kate Buford: *Native American Son: The Life and Sporting Legend of Jim Thorpe*
- Feb. 25 **Mata Hari** by Pat Shipman: *Femme Fatale: Love, Lies, and the Unknown Life of Mata Hari*
- Feb. 27 **Augustus** by Karl Galinsky of University of Texas, Austin: *Augustus: Introduction to the Life of an Emperor*
- March 11 **Henry Ward Beecher** by Debby Applegate: *The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher*
- March 13 **Women of the Manhattan Project** by Denise Kiernan: *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win WWII*
- March 18 **Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald** by Therese Anne Fowler: *Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald*
- March 27 **Titans of the Gilded Age: Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan** by historian and biographer H.W. Brands of University of Texas, Austin
- April 1 **Henry VIII** by British historian Jeremy Black of University of Exeter
- April 8 **Shakespeare** by Lois Potter: *The Life of William Shakespeare: A Critical Biography*
- April 10 **Spartacus** by Barry Strauss of Cornell University: *The Spartacus War*
- April 15 **Machiavelli** by Miles Unger: *Machiavelli: A Biography*
- April 17 **Simon Bolivar** by Marie Arana: *Bolivar: American Liberator*
- April 22 **Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh** by Reeve Lindbergh, daughter of Charles and Anne Lindbergh: *Under a Wing: A Memoir*

All lectures are open to the public free of charge and begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall. For further information, call 540/654-1065 or visit umw.edu/greatlives.



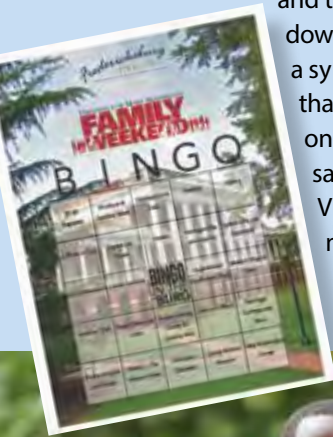


Family Weekend: BINGO!

More than 1,300 visitors came to campus for UMW's 40th Family Weekend in late September. They enjoyed such events as a chemistry magic show, the annual 5K run, guided campus tours about Civil War history, a cookout, and more.

A UMW family favorite was "Bingo in the 'Burg," a game sponsored by UMW and the city of Fredericksburg to help families better get to know students' second home. Moms, dads, and siblings visited downtown businesses, where they collected stickers to fill bingo cards. A win meant a 10 percent discount at participating stores.

UMW guests enjoyed the game, and it was rewarding to Fredericksburg business owners and officials to see so many students and their families downtown. "It was a synergy of efforts that makes sense on a lot of levels," said Julie Perry, Visitor Center manager. "And frankly, it was just plain fun."



Norm Shafer

UMW Board Welcomes Members

In late October, the Virginia Governor's Office announced the appointment of three new members to the Board of Visitors. **Tabitha Edinger Geary '92**, **Kenneth Lopez '92**, and **Lisa Taylor '85** will serve four-year terms, which expire June 30, 2017.

They succeed **Daniel K. Steen '84**, Mary J. Berry, and the Honorable **Pamela J. White '74**, whose terms have ended.

White, departing rector of the UMW Board of Visitors, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve her alma mater. She added, "I am particularly proud to have played a role in naming and supporting Rick Hurley as UMW's ninth president." White also applauded the contributions of Berry and Steen, whom she succeeded as rector.

Tabitha Geary, Richmond

Geary is vice president of marketing strategy and analytics for SapientNitro, an integrated marketing and technology services firm based in Boston. Her career in marketing and consulting has spanned 20 years, including four years as co-founder and managing partner of Create Digital, a Richmond-based digital media company, and nearly seven years as president of a marketing agency in Richmond. As CEO of Tabitha Geary Co., a memory archiving business, she was featured in *Entrepreneur* magazine and *Martha Stewart Living*.

Geary has served on the board of directors of Comfort Zone Camp, the largest national nonprofit bereavement camp dedicated to children ages 7 to 17 who have lost an immediate family member.



Kenneth Lopez, Alexandria

Lopez, a lifelong Virginia resident, is the founder and CEO of A2L Consulting, a leading provider of jury consulting, litigation graphics, and courtroom support to all of the nation's largest law firms. He founded the company in 1995 after receiving a law degree from the Widener University School of Law.

Lopez serves on the advisory board of the UMW College of Business and on the Dean's National Advisory Council at Widener. He was UMW's Junior Executive-in-Residence in 2008 and is a frequent guest speaker for classes and student organizations.



Lisa Taylor, Chantilly

Taylor is director of contracts for integrated intelligence systems at Northrop Grumman Information Systems, a leading global provider of solutions for military, intelligence, civilian, state, local, and commercial customers. She spent more than 20 years in contracts administration and management positions, including senior manager of contracts at General Dynamics. She received the Northrop Grumman Corporate Contracts and Pricing Award in 2010.

Taylor also works as an instructor in the Jazzercise franchise she has operated since 2006.



Virginia empowers the 12-member Board of Visitors to govern the University, establish its mission and purpose, and promote its general welfare. At least six members must be UMW alumni; at least nine must be Virginia residents.



Leading for the Arts

UMW President Richard V. Hurley and Tiffany Kelly, director and owner of Dance Trance Fredericksburg, danced a rumba for arts education in August. Hurley and eight other area leaders partnered with professionals from Fredericksburg's Strictly Ballroom Dance Studio for the fundraising event Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars. Community leaders prepared for weeks for the inaugural event in Dodd Auditorium. Their polished, crowd-pleasing performances raised more than \$65,000 to endow the UMW Performing Arts in the Community Scholarship for regional students who excel in music, theater, or dance.

Rate This! UMW Scores Big

UMW is making the grade in higher education. Take a look at where Mary Washington stands in the most recent major selective guide publications:

- **Affordable Colleges Online** in July rated UMW **44th** on its "Affordable Colleges With High Returns" list and **20th** on its "Cheap Colleges With High Starting Salaries for Graduates" list. Ratings were based on data from the National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Data System, Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, and Payscale.com.
- **Diverse: Issues in Higher Education** named UMW among the top 100 minority-degree producers for 2013. For management information systems master's degrees, UMW ranked **eighth** for Hispanics, **23rd** for all minority groups, and **24th** for African Americans. Rankings are based on U.S. Department of Education reports submitted by institutions.
- **EducatedQuest.com**, a college guide website that aims to deliver more detailed profiles than other publications, named UMW in August to its list of "best buy" public colleges and universities. Rankings were based on graduation rates, tuition and fees, and average indebtedness.
- **Fiske Guide to Colleges: 2014 Best Buys**, published in June, included UMW among the 21 public colleges

in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. that offer outstanding academics for the most reasonable prices, marking the fourth consecutive year Mary Washington was the only institution in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., on the list. Ratings were based on questionnaires completed by students and administrators.

- **Forbes** ranked UMW **229th** on its "America's Top Colleges" list, released in July. The list considered such factors as student satisfaction, postgraduate success, student debt, graduation rate, and nationally competitive awards.
- **Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges"** list, published in January, ranked UMW **fifth** in Virginia and **53rd** out of 100 four-year public institutions nationwide. Rankings were based on Peterson's Undergraduate Database.
- **The Princeton Review** included UMW in its 2014 edition of *The Best 378 Colleges*, published in August. Ratings were based on surveys of 126,000 students, who rated



everything from financial aid to campus food. Colleges were scored in eight categories, including admissions, academics, and politics.

- In *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2014*, released in September, UMW ranked **fifth** among public universities in the South; tied for **13th** among universities, both public and private, in the same region. Rankings were based on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty and financial resources, student selectivity, and alumni giving.
- **Virginia Living's** State of Education supplement, released in October, listed UMW among the commonwealth's 150 most innovative educational programs. It included Mary Washington in its "Science, Math, and Technology" list for the Domain of One's Own project, giving incoming freshmen an opportunity to create a unique online presence; in its "Co-Ops and Partnerships" list for the expansion of an agreement with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren, allowing chemistry students to work with Navy personnel; and in its "Capital Improvements" list for the construction of the 76,000-square-foot Information and Technology Convergence Center, set to open next year.



UMW Leads in Digital Education

Rather than fear the future of higher education in the digital age, the University of Mary Washington is shaping it.

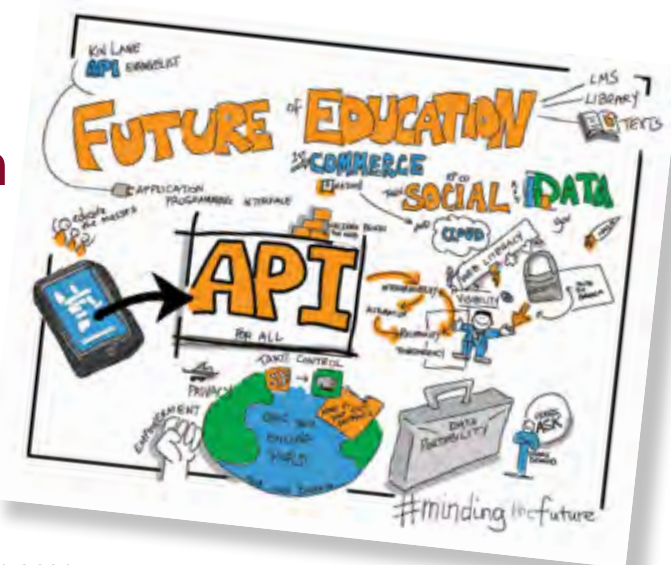
A leader in digital learning and teaching, UMW hosted OpenVA – the Open and Digital Learning Resources Conference – in October and brought together Virginia's leaders in higher education with some of the country's most innovative thinkers.

To open the two-day event, President Richard V. Hurley and UMW's Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies (DTLT) invited Virginia university presidents, administrators, faculty, and other decision makers. Members of the UMW Board of Visitors, administration, faculty, staff, and students listened as innovators presented

ideas, then led discussion of what's next for Virginia education. These opening sessions, titled *Minding the Future*, were sponsored by UMW and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

The following day, nearly 40 Virginia educators and technologists presented ways they use or envision using open-source, online resources to engage students and create a network of scholars and leaders those students can collaborate with. Nearly 200 people attended, representing 38 schools.

UMW teaching and learning technologists and professors spoke about UMW's Domain of One's Own initiative,



Giulia Forsythe of the Centre for Pedagogical Innovation at Canada's Brock University shared her visual notes on OpenVA with *UMW Magazine*. Her writing on education and more visual notes, some from OpenVA, are at gforsythe.ca.

a DTLT project in which all incoming UMW students are given their own Web space in which to create a digital academic presence and portfolio. On graduation, students keep their domain, so they retain control and ownership.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, *Wired*, *The Web Host Industry Review*, and the Center for Digital Education have written about Mary Washington's groundbreaking initiative that helps students learn to manage their digital identities while studying traditional liberal arts and sciences.

UMW's DTLT also received kudos in September for ds106, an open online digital storytelling community that grew out of a UMW computer science class. The online collaboration received one of five Reclaim Open Learning Innovation Contest awards, which honor projects that embody principles of open education and participatory learning.

Reclaim Open Learning is a collaboration of the Digital Media and Learning Research Hub at UC Irvine and the MIT Media Lab.

To learn more and to watch video of OpenVA presentations, visit openva.org.



Norm Shafer

Freshman Files

The University of Mary Washington welcomed 954 first-time freshmen to its bachelor of arts and bachelor of science programs this fall. The new students came from Virginia and 24 other states, including Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Connecticut.

Twenty-two percent of the newcomers identified themselves as African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, or multiracial.

The middle 50 percent of the 954 entering freshmen – meaning 25 percent scored higher and 25 percent scored lower – earned an average high school GPA of 3.53. Mean SAT scores ranged from 1020 to 1200, and mean ACT composite scores ranged from 22 to 26.

Prof's Philosophy? Service

UMW Professor of Philosophy Craig Vasey, chair of the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, received the J. Christopher Bill Outstanding Faculty Service Award in August.

The award, named for a late psychology professor who served UMW for nearly three decades, recognizes a longtime member of the teaching faculty who has been heavily and consistently involved in a variety of service roles, including to a department, the University, and the community.

An expert on race theory, contemporary French philosophy, and feminist philosophy, Vasey played a key role in establishing UMW's women and gender curriculum. He has led the commemoration of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom and served on

the James Farmer Visiting Professorship Committee and the Steering Committee for the UMW Strategic Plan.

In the community, Vasey helped found the Maury Neighborhoods Association and is the Fredericksburg Sister City Association's director of cultural events. He represents Virginia on the the American Association of University Professors National Council and has been a member of the Virginia Humanities Conference, Virginia Women's Studies Association, and American Philosophical Association.

Vasey holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Towson State College, a doctorate from the Université de Paris-Nanterre, and a Ph.D. from Brown. He joined UMW in 1986 as assistant professor of philosophy,



becoming professor in 1999 and teaching such subjects as advanced logic, phenomenology, and Freud.

Vasey edited the post-trilogy fragments of French philosopher and novelist Jean-Paul Sartre into a fourth volume of *Roads of Freedom*. The book, *The Last Chance – Roads of Freedom IV*, published in 2009, is the first English translation of the Sartre work.

A champion of education, Vasey also is the Virginia representative for the Campaign for the Future of Higher Education.

Speaking for the campaign, he was quoted in *The Bullet* in February, "The change we want in the conversation is to return to a vision of education as a public good, available and accessible to anyone who wants it."

Microlending Hero Honors Econ Students

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, whom the *The Washington Post* called "the founding father of microlending," met with Professor of Economics Shawn Humphrey and past and present students to honor the UMW team for their work in microfinance. They are shown here at the international conference of

RESULTS, an organization dedicated to ending poverty.

The UMW professor and his students have mobilized a microfinance movement through their Month of Microfinance initiative and established La Ceiba, a student-run microfinance institution, in Honduras.

Yunus, a native of Bangladesh,

has been recognized for his work on microlending with more than 100 international awards, including the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2006, the Norwegian Nobel Committee recognized Yunus' "efforts to create economic and social development from below."





UMW on C-SPAN

When C-SPAN wanted to feature Fredericksburg in its 2013 Cities Tour, its film crew found a lot to talk about at the University of Mary Washington.

C-SPAN visited two UMW authors, the UMW James Farmer Collection, and the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library for part of its weekend-long broadcasts in late September. You can still see the broadcasts online at c-span.org/LocalContent/Fredericksburg.

Videos from UMW:

- Timothy O'Donnell, professor of communications, talked to C-SPAN about UMW's James Farmer Collection, housed in the Simpson Library archive. The video includes O'Donnell's narrative about Farmer's life as a major player in the struggle for civil rights, and footage of the late professor of history's lectures to Mary Washington students. In the classroom scenes, Farmer – who had been scheduled to speak at the 1963 March on Washington – recalls watching the march on TV from a Louisiana jail cell where he and others were locked up for civil disobedience.
- Jeffrey McClurken '94, professor of history and American studies, was recorded for C-SPAN's *Book TV* about his *Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia*. McClurken traces



C-SPAN returned to campus to film UMW experts for its Fredericksburg Weekend in September. Last year, the C-SPAN Campaign 2012 bus (above) visited Ball Circle to film and teach students about political campaigns.

how Virginia went from depending on families, churches, and local elites to aid Virginians devastated by the war to implementing a social welfare system that ran mental institutions and provided monetary aid.

- Stephen Farnsworth, professor of political science and international affairs, spoke about his book *The Nightly News Nightmare* and how broadcast coverage has declined from providing substance to trivia. Comparing the late 1980s – when most Americans relied on nightly TV news for information – to today's "junk food journalism" diet of attention-grabbing sound bites, Farnsworth and co-author Robert Lichter ask whether the media are

upholding their responsibility to inform the public.

- **Scott Harris '83**, director of the James Monroe Museum, walked the film crew through the downtown Fredericksburg location of Monroe's office, where the museum – administered by UMW – stands. Harris shared Monroe's history, including his service at Valley Forge and his rise from Fredericksburg city councilman to fifth president of the United States.
- Daniel F. Preston, editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, described curating Monroe's papers and documents to illustrate how Monroe, through his decisions and actions, influenced the formation of the United States.

UMW Boosts Job Prospects in the 'Burg

Fredericksburg is one of the best places in Virginia to get a job, and UMW helps make it that way. That's according to financial literacy and consumer advocacy website NerdWallet.com, in its recently published "Best Places in Virginia for Job Seekers."

The NerdWallet study ranked Fredericksburg No. 7 based on a study that analyzed population growth, median household income, and local unemployment rate.

"The University of Mary Washington focuses on developing the region's economy with a

Small Business Development Center to help local businesses grow and prosper and a UMW Entrepreneurs Club to encourage students to start and grow businesses," said Annie Wang, analyst with NerdScholar, a NerdWallet subsidiary.

B.S. in Nursing May Begin in 2014

A University of Mary Washington initiative could help close the gap between Virginia's growing population and its number of college-educated nurses.

Just a third of Virginia's nurses hold bachelor's degrees, according to the Health Resources and Services Administration's Nurse Supply Model. A new bachelor of science in nursing completion program at UMW could change that by allowing nurses with accredited associate degrees or nursing diplomas to earn bachelor's degrees.

The program, planned for fall 2014 pending approval by the State Council of Higher Education for

Virginia, is made possible by a \$25,000 grant from Mary Washington Hospital's Community Benefit Fund.

Those funds are "instrumental in developing this essential program to address the need for a highly educated nursing workforce," said UMW President Richard V. Hurley.

Courses will connect students with liberal arts perspectives on health care delivery and won't require new labs or equipment, said UMW College of Arts and Sciences Dean Richard Finkelstein, who will oversee the program's implementation. Mary Washington plans to hire a curriculum-planning consultant and a director to act as academic administrator.

As the commonwealth's residents and nurses age, an increasing need for health care and an expected mass retirement in the nursing workforce is predicted to lead to a severe shortage of RNs. By 2028, Virginia's Department of Health Professions estimates the commonwealth could need an additional 30,000 registered nurses.

Marianna Bedway, chief nursing officer and senior vice president for Mary Washington Healthcare, said the program will offer a unique opportunity for students to meet current professional nursing standards and benefit from a liberal arts education.

Reinstating The Plan

A decade after breaking up, The Dismemberment Plan is back with a new album, a cross-country tour, and a recent appearance on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*.

Uncanny Valley – its cover photo shot at a Fredericksburg show – was released Oct. 15.

The indie-rock band includes two UMW English majors, bassist **Eric Axelson '94** and lead guitarist **Jason Caddell '93**, who met on the steps of Westmoreland Hall, as well as drummer Joe Easley and frontman Travis Morrison. Formed in 1993, The Plan picked up speed with their eclectic style, boundless energy, and fervent fan base. They spent a decade building momentum, touring with Pearl Jam, co-headlining with Death Cab for Cutie, and releasing four studio albums.

Since The Plan's 2003 breakup, they've performed periodic reunion shows, but this fall's release is their first album in 12 years. *Rolling Stone* previewed *Uncanny Valley* (the misspelling is intentional) in July, NPR streamed it in advance of its release date, and The Plan hit the road for a tour with stops in D.C., New York, L.A., and London. Learn more at dismembermentplan.com.

The cover of The Dismemberment Plan's new CD, *Uncanny Valley*, right, features frontman Travis Morrison wearing half a mannequin at a 2012 Fredericksburg All Ages show. The Plan is, below, from left, Eric Axelson '94, Joe Easley, Morrison, and Jason Caddell '93.



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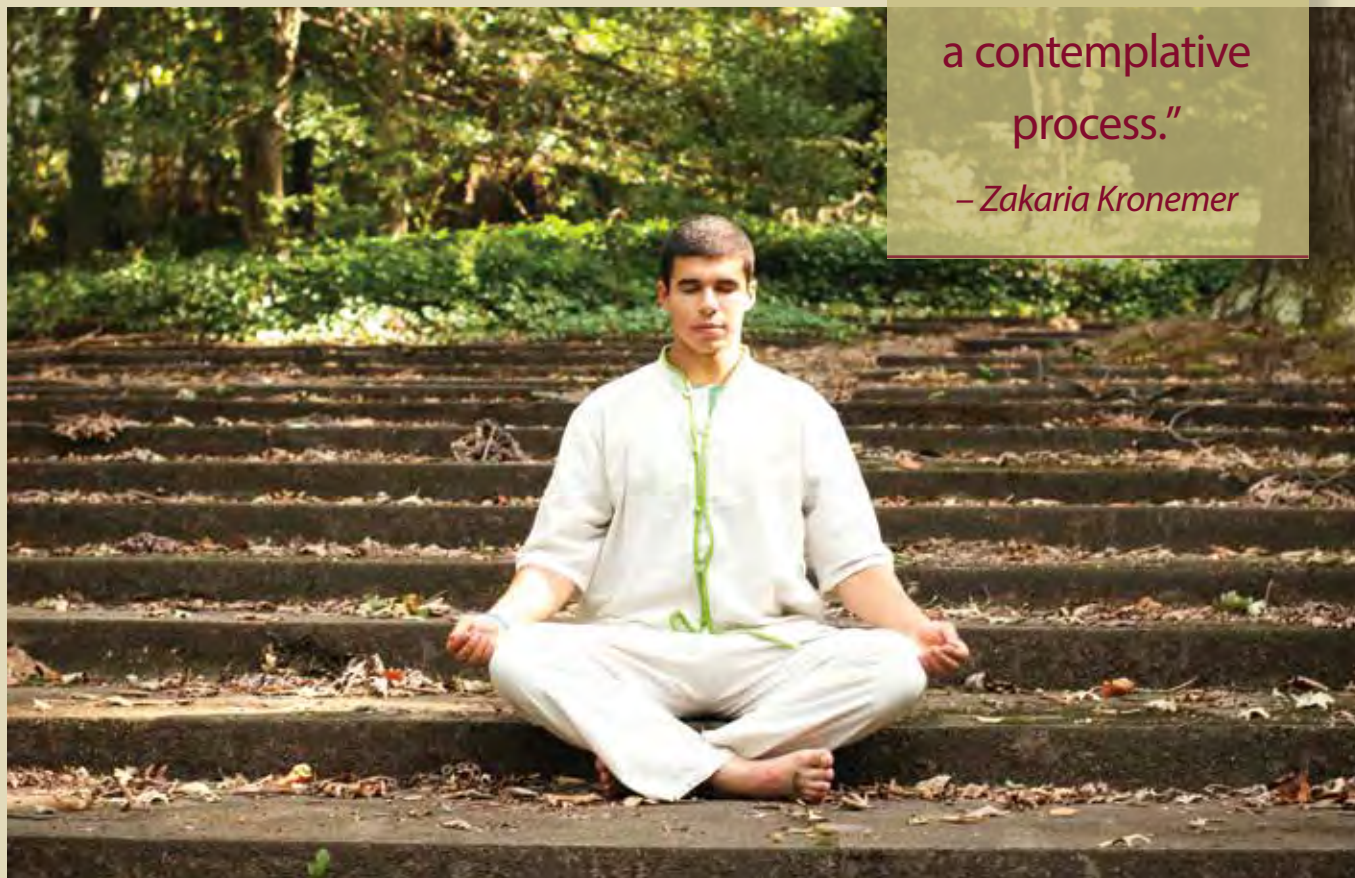


Learning in the Now

By Melina Downs '06

"Everything in the
monastic life is
a contemplative
process."

– Zakaria Kronemer



Kimble Barkley '14

When **Zakaria Kronemer** strolls down Campus Walk, the UMW junior isn't thinking about his upcoming exam or the conversation he just had. Instead, he focuses on his feet as each step pounds the brick walkway. He feels the air touching his hand as the wind blows and concentrates on his muscles as they work to move his legs.

Kronemer practices living in the moment. It's a lesson that he learned last summer as one of 40 students from around the world studying the Buddhist practices of meditation and tai chi in the mountains of eastern China at the Shengshou Temple.

Back at UMW this fall, he found that his outlook on life had changed. Most significantly, the philosophy major has adjusted his view of everyday tasks.

"Everything in the monastic life is a

contemplative process," said Kronemer, who traveled to China after receiving a scholarship from the Woodenfish Project, which educates emerging scholars on Chinese Buddhism. "That's something that I've been trying to incorporate into my life – taking a step into the moment and appreciating the value and significance and experiencing beauty in everyday life."

Still his life on campus differs starkly from his six weeks at the monastery. There, he slept on a wooden bunk with only a bamboo mat for comfort. He ate steamed rice and vegetables for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. He boiled water from a stream to drink.

In the hot, humid Chinese summer, Kronemer woke each morning at 4:45. He and a queue of fellow students walked together down the mountain to a reflecting pool. There, they

practiced tai chi – an ancient Chinese discipline of controlled, slow movements designed to improve physical and mental well-being – and meditated for more than an hour before eating breakfast.

Kronemer was introduced to meditation and the principles associated with mindfulness through a contemplative practice course that he took last spring.

"During Zakaria's trip to China, he experienced firsthand and really lived according to Buddhist concepts, principles, and practices," said Angela Pitts, associate professor of classics, who co-teaches contemplative practice. "He also had the opportunity to understand more deeply other spiritual traditions in the world and to learn and grow from them. Such understanding, derived from personal experience, is the best foundation I know of for the

promotion of inter-cultural dialogue and mutual respect.”

Kronemer spent one week in silent meditation, during which students were not to make eye contact or talk with one another – or even read. Another experience, the one Kronemer found the most interesting and time-consuming, was tea meditation, in which he contemplated the value of the nourishment tea provides.

“Think about the tree that grew the tea leaf, the sunlight and water needed to nourish the tree, the person that picked the leaf and the people that support that person until eventually you get to the point that everything in the world is part of the tea in that cup,” he said.

Mindfully drinking a cup of tea took hours.

Professor of Philosophy David Ambuel, who also is UMW Leidecker Chair of Asian studies, co-taught contemplative practice with Pitts.

“Aristotle asserted that the highest form of life is the contemplative life. Most of us, though, live the active life, fully engaged in and occupied with school, society, work, family, and the many demands that these responsibilities place on us, not the life of the remote and isolated hermit absorbed in thought,” Ambuel said. “Training with some mindfulness techniques ...can help us maintain awareness of where and who we are, and maintain a balance in our lives.”

Kronemer, who is from Silver Spring, Md., continues the practice he learned last summer by maintaining balance in his own life. He begins his day with tai chi, and he goes to the amphitheater behind Trinkle Hall to meditate every chance he gets.

“I’ve found a steadiness within me,” Kronemer said. “My mind isn’t fully drawn into the mass of stimulation that we experience each day. Instead, I’m more able to remain within the present moment appreciating all of the vitality and incomprehensible beauty it has to offer.”

The Road to Washington

By Brynn Boyer ’10

Each morning before 8, **Nicole Foltz ’05** passes through the staff entrance of the Cannon Office Building and up two flights of stairs to her office at the U.S. House of Representatives Budget Committee.

Foltz, a legal counsel for the committee, was recently named one of the *National Journal’s* 25 Most Influential Washington Women Under 35 for 2013.

The call from the magazine informing her of the accolade came as a complete surprise, said the Mansfield, Ohio, native.

“My job is very nerdy,” she said. “I’m completely flattered and honored to even be considered for [the list].”

As part of the House budget committee, chaired by Rep. Paul Ryan, Foltz drafts legislation and monitors bills for how they will affect the budget and the deficit.

“There really is no typical day for me,” Foltz said. “Sometimes I’m meeting with different [House] member offices to brief them on issues. Other times I’m talking with the Congressional Budget Office or going to the House floor for bills.”

The road to Capitol Hill was an untraditional one for Foltz. She excelled as a business administration major at Mary Washington and was involved in campus life as a member of the varsity crew team. But a life in politics wasn’t on her radar.

After graduation in 2005, she went straight to law school at Regent University. “Mary Washington has a pretty rigorous standard academically,” she said. “It helped prepare me for law school and eventually to start my career in Washington, D.C.”

While a law school student, Foltz took an internship on the Hill. That work spurred her to gravitate toward a career in the public sector rather than in

the courtroom.

“I was fascinated by the whole [political] process,” she said.

Now, Foltz credits the one-on-one interactions with faculty and broad liberal arts background she got at UMW, along with her experiences in law school, with preparing her for a successful career in government – one she wouldn’t have guessed she’d have eight years ago.

“There are so many things you can do with a business degree,” she said. “Just with a degree from Mary Washington there are a lot of different opportunities out there that you may not necessarily know about.”

Her advice to students interested in a career in politics or the government: Stay determined and be prepared to work hard, she said. The Hill is an especially competitive environment.

“Talk to as many people as possible to hear about their careers,” Foltz said. “There isn’t just one path.”

Foltz’s networking – combined with a relentless and humble pursuit of her goals – has brought the young lawyer success and respect in her field, said Brad Knox, Foltz’s mentor and vice president and counsel at AFLAC, an international insurance provider.

“What I admire about her is that she doesn’t believe any of the attention is warranted,” he said. “Nevertheless, there is no secret to her ascent as one of the top women on Capitol Hill. She came to D.C. willing to do whatever it took.”

Nicole Foltz ’05





UMW Survey Draws National Attention

An opinion survey conducted for the Center for Leadership and Media Studies brought nationwide attention to the University of Mary Washington this fall as Virginia prepared to elect a new governor.

The surveys show that Virginia, once solidly Republican, is decidedly a “purple” state, said Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Stephen Farnsworth, who designed the survey questions with input from his UMW students.

National media paid attention not only because Virginia was one of just two states this fall with a governor’s race, but also because “Virginia is America in miniature,” Farnsworth said. “We have our liberal Northeast in Northern Virginia. We have our Sun Coast in Virginia Beach. We have our industrial heartland in Hampton Roads, and we have our agricultural and Southern Christian conservatives west

and southwest of Interstate 95.”

The survey found that likely voters favored Democrat Terry McAuliffe over Republican Ken Cuccinelli for governor, and that most Virginians support policies that would legalize medical marijuana and expand access to health care.

Seventy-one percent of Virginia adults surveyed would favor a federal law allowing medical use of marijuana with a prescription, and the topic drew majority support among Republicans, Democrats, and independents. And 59 percent said the state should expand access to health care for low-income, uninsured state residents. That proposal is part of the Affordable Care Act, though the question did not mention the law by name or by its nickname, Obamacare.

The Center for Leadership and Media Studies had Princeton Survey Research Associates International

conduct the telephone survey of 1,001 Virginia adults from Sept. 25 to 29, 2013.

Besides adding to the public discourse and attracting positive attention to UMW, the survey has helped in the classroom, Farnsworth said. “We have debated the questions and proposed new topics to consider, and I’ve had the students take the survey before it comes out.”

Classes have explored how wording of questions might bias outcomes, giving students a more nuanced view of opinion poll results. The survey has also taught students that their personal experiences don’t necessarily reflect those of other age groups or geographic regions.

“It’s really a great learning tool,” Farnsworth said, “giving people a much better sense of what the entire state of Virginia is like, not just the place they call home.”



Professor of Political Science
and International Affairs
Stephen Farnsworth

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Star Defender Here to Learn

By Regina Weiss '14

"I really don't like to waste my time. I'm here to learn."

– David Heller

Kimble Barkley '14

Athletics seems to be in **David Heller's** genes. The UMW senior joked that he started playing soccer "probably right about when I could start walking."

Heller's mother starred in volleyball; his father ran track and played football and basketball. His brother plays lacrosse, and his sister plays field hockey.

Beginning young in a family of athletes helped secure Heller a frequent starting defensive position as a UMW freshman. Last spring, as a junior, he earned the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year award, a title traditionally reserved for a senior. Heller is only the second junior to have received the honor since UMW established it in 1990.

The award recognizes varsity upperclassmen who excel academically and athletically. To earn the honor, student athletes must keep a minimum

3.3 cumulative grade-point average and contribute greatly to the success of their teams.

Heller's soccer coach, Jason Kilby, said Heller won the award because of his strong athleticism and high GPA. "He's very well-rounded," Kilby said.

Soccer is inherent and comfortable for Heller, but he came to UMW without a guaranteed spot on a team that already had established junior and senior defenders.

Coaches warned Heller that he might not see a lot of playing time. But by the end of his freshman season, he had started 85 percent of the games. And he felt good starting among upperclassmen.

"I wouldn't really say I'm the nervous type," he said. "Soccer is soccer. A lot of other people were bigger and faster than me, but there are ways around that."

Though Heller is a defender, he still manages to score winning goals – as he did in last year's double overtime semifinal game against Salisbury University. The win advanced the Eagles to the championship.

Heller strives for excellence in the classroom and on the field, Coach Kilby said. "He's a great role model for all of our student athletes at UMW."

The senior from Alexandria, Va., double majors in business and computer information systems, and he is pursuing a minor in economics. Still, he maintains a 3.5 GPA and tutors classmates in all three of his subjects.

Over the summer, Heller worked as an intern with Fannie Mae in Washington, D.C.; the residential mortgage entity offered him a job after graduation.

Heller's approach to school is simple and focused. Rule one – pay attention in class.

"I really don't like to waste my time," Heller said. "I'm here to learn."

Lacrosse Coach Sticks Close to Home

Caitlin Erickson Moore '08, MBA '12 is back on campus.

Moore, a lacrosse player who received All-America status her senior year at the University of Mary Washington, signed on this summer as head women's lacrosse coach. She already had made a name for herself at UMW, both on and off the field.

When she graduated in 2008, Moore was Mary Washington's career points leader (303) and its record-holder for points and assists both in a single season and in a single game, breaking the NCAA Division III points-per-game record with 7.94. She was a two-time All-CAC and All-Region selection and helped UMW to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2006 and 2007.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in business, Moore spent two seasons on the flip side of UMW women's

lacrosse. As Eagles assistant coach, she led teams to NCAA appearances in 2009 and 2010.

"We are very pleased to welcome Caitlin Moore home to Mary Washington," said UMW Director of Athletics Ken Tyler. He praised her performance in turning around the women's lacrosse program at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va.

Hired as head Yellow Jackets coach in fall 2010, Moore led Randolph-Macon squads to progressively successful records of 7-10 in 2011, 8-10 in 2012, and a victorious 12-6 in 2013. She also was a finalist for IWLCA Region Coach of the Year.

Moore replaced her own UMW lacrosse coach, Dana Hall, who was promoted to UMW senior associate director of athletics.

Moore lives in Glen Allen, Va., with husband **Ray Moore '07**, a former UMW baseball standout.

Below: Lacrosse coach Caitlin Erickson Moore '08 on the sidelines with assistant coach Lizzie Wright. Bottom: Moore sets the draw for players Corinne Wiederkehr '15 and Sabrina Elliott '17.



Norm Shafer



Doug Gately

By Lisa Chinn '92

Doug Gately's fingers glide over the keys of the baby grand crammed into a corner of his Pollard Hall office.

After years of training, UMW's director of jazz studies makes playing music seem simple. But there's nothing easy about juggling a saxophone, two clarinets, and three flutes, like he did when he played with Natalie Cole's *Unforgettable* tour. At such high-caliber events, Gately has to be flawless, but in the classroom, he asks students to be persistent, not perfect.

He had to work hard, too, practicing as many as seven hours a day at Berklee College of Music, where he studied classical music under the late master woodwind player Joe Viola. Berklee has produced more than 200 Grammy Award winners, among them Branford Marsalis, Bruce Hornsby, and Diana Krall.

"They were blowing up a storm," the New York native said of the students who came from across the globe to the esteemed Boston college. "I'm just a kid from a rural high school."

He caught up quickly, though, and a few years after graduation landed a spot with the U.S. Air Force's premier jazz ensemble, the Airmen of Note, playing foreign embassies, officers' clubs, even the White House.

After 20 years with the military, he earned a bachelor of liberal studies degree at Mary Washington, where he became full-time faculty in 2005, and a master of arts at George Mason.

All the while, stars – Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin, the Temptations – tapped him to jazz up their orchestras. Gately has recorded soundtracks for Disney, written music for commercials, and played fancy affairs including a Cartier anniversary party in New York and a show in London for the crown prince of Greece.

Married, with three grown children, Gately performs with local bands, including his own Doug Gately Trio. He teaches a medley of classes at UMW, where he started jazz, flute, and chamber music festivals. And he stays focused on students, writing original pieces for them to perform, lining up gigs they actually get paid for, and pushing them to pursue their passion for music.

"I can really turn them into professionals," Gately said. "That's the joy."

How would you describe yourself? *I'm pretty laid-back, believe it or not. I'm busy. I have high standards. One of my best attributes is I understand. I've been there, done that.*



Norm Shafer

What do you like most about Mary Washington? *A student could come here and get more individual attention than they would ever get anywhere else. And they're getting it from highly skilled faculty. You won't find any better.*

How do you feel about the state of the arts in education? *I'm concerned about the arts – in high schools, everywhere. One of our most important stops when we travel, when we go to Italy, Paris, Greece, we look at their art. We don't go to study what their math table was. The arts are where we really find our humanity.*

If you were stranded on an island, what one instrument would you want to have with you? *The piano. It's a complete orchestra. It has all the notes. You've got rhythm. You've got harmony. You've got the whole thing.*

What would you do if you could no longer play music? *Life's full of all kinds of challenges. I'm used to that. I'd find something else. Other than being a quarterback for the NFL, I think I can do most things.*

Who has been your biggest musical inspiration? *As a kid playing the clarinet, Pete Fountain. In college, Phil Woods. For piano, Monty Alexander.*

If you could go back in time, in which era would you most prefer to play music? *The '60s, as a jazz musician. There was a lot of high-level jazz playing going on. It was the heyday of the great players, like Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Phil Woods.*

How would you describe your dream job? *I would be happy to just sit home and write music.*

What is your pet peeve about music? *We're bombarded with it! I go to pump gas and someone's singing to me. I reach for my Cheerios and I hear Sting or Cher. It won't be long before you're reaching for pork chops and hear Taylor Swift, and I hope she makes your shopping experience all that much better.*

What would people be most surprised to learn about you? *I'm a world-class black belt in tae kwon do. 🏠*

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A MARY WASHINGTON LOVE STORY

| Story by Lisa Chinn '92

| Photos by Norm Shafer

AFTER WHAT HE'D SEEN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, **Elmer Morris Jr. '50** was ready to get back to college. But the school where he'd started was full. So he enrolled at his mother's alma mater, near his hometown. Just for a few classes. Just until he could get back to Williamsburg.


Enter **Marceline Weatherly '50**. Drum Major. May Queen. Class President. Daughter Sent to an All-Girls School to NOT Meet a Boy.

Unbeknownst to her parents, Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia would welcome men, including Elmer Morris, in 1946, the year Marcy arrived, more than two decades before going officially co-ed. Who could have guessed an agreement to admit World War II veterans would change everything for a 17-year-old beauty from South Carolina and a sailor lucky to be alive? Or that their love for each other – and for the magical place that brought them together – would still be unfolding today?

"Joined at the hip," Marcy said, reflecting on her 67-year romance with the man she dubbed "Juney," as she sat near the pool they put in for their children in the '50s. It's now seen five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren through a string of steamy summers.

In early February 1947, though, the mercury hovered near 40.

Inside Mary Washington's C-Shoppe, things bustled. Young women – and now young men – flung off their coats and gathered at straight-backed booths and square tables, sipping sodas and rocking the jukebox.



Marcy and Juney Morris, holding a photo of themselves in front of Virginia Hall, visit Virginia lounge as students study nearby.

THEIR ALMA MATER HAD PROVIDED *a haven of peace*
FOR JUNEY, BEEN *a springboard to the world* FOR MARCY,
AND *sparked a love affair* THAT SPANS FOUR GENERATIONS.

Counterclockwise from right: Marcy Weatherly Morris was on May Court each of her four years at Mary Washington and was crowned May Queen as a senior in 1950. WWII medals earned in the Pacific by Junej, one of 27 male veterans on the GI Bill at Mary Washington in 1946. Vets enrolled at Mary Washington – including female WAVES and WACS – at the 1947 Valentine's dance that was Junej and Marcy's first date. Guests at the dance, including Marcy, who sports a gardenia corsage at her waist.



Marcy was chatting with girlfriends, having a Coke in the Chandler Hall hangout, when Juneey approached her from behind with a question.

"It took me a long, long time to get up nerve enough," Juneey said of the exchange, when he asked her to a veterans' Valentine's dance. "I don't know how I did it."

A few days later, when the freshmen boarded the bus for the Spotsylvania County dance – Juneey's gardenia corsage pinned at Marcy's waist – they had no idea they were embarking on what would, in a sense, be a one-way trip.

"I don't know how they allowed you to go," Juneey told Marcy of that long-ago date.

The formidable Dean of Women Nina Bushnell had imposed her stringent standards on students since 1921, two

years after Juneey's mother graduated from what was then called the State Normal and Industrial School for Women. Bushnell didn't prohibit dating, exactly, but strongly discouraged it through a daunting list of rules involving curfews, chaperones, and rosters of approved visitors.

But love finds a way.

Juneey and the other male veterans lived off campus. But he and Marcy met for banana cream pie at the C-Shoppe; danced to their favorite song, *That's My Desire*, on the jukebox at Baker's restaurant; arranged weekend getaways to Westmoreland County, Washington, D.C., and New York; and strolled along the tree-lined Mary Washington walkways.

"We went everywhere on campus together," Marcy said.

Just like old times, Juneey and Marcy Morris stroll hand-in-hand along Campus Walk as classes change. When they met in the late 1940s, it was Campus Drive. As one of the few men there, Juneey got lots of attention – especially from Marcy – when he drove through in his Dodge convertible.



"WE WENT *everywhere* ON CAMPUS TOGETHER."

– MARCY MORRIS

When Juney drove his cream-colored '46 Dodge convertible along Campus Drive, Marcy waved from her Virginia Hall window.

In all their courtship – and most of their marriage – Juney never spoke of his experience as a pharmacist's mate second class. Never mentioned that May Sunday in 1945 when two kamikaze planes tore through the USS Braine in what became known as the worst attack on a destroyer that didn't sink. Never talked about the way, though injured himself, he sprang into action for his shipmates, helping to treat the 80-some wounded and praying for the more than 60 who were killed. For his bravery, he received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Being on campus was "wonderful," he said, compared to what he'd been through. And there was Marcy. By junior year, he'd proposed.

Marcy's parents loved Juney, too, but stood firm: Graduation before marriage.

Besides, who had time for a wedding? Juney majored in business, played basketball, and was in the Veterans Club. Marcy majored in music, served as class president junior and senior year, and was on May Court each year, taking the coveted title of May Queen as a senior.

She and Juney received their degrees in May 1950. Marcy's parents offered her one of two graduation gifts: a brand new convertible in her favorite color – blue – or a wedding.

The ceremony was held at a church in Marcy's hometown, the reception in the Weatherlys' living room. Marcy's Mary Washington roommates, **Anne "Ozzie" Osborn Cox '50** and **Billie Mitchell Hanes '50**, were bridesmaids. Billie's husband, Dick, was a groomsman. The two couples still are in touch.



Left: Marcy Morris (top, right) with sophomore Virginia Hall roommates (clockwise) Marilyn Busch, Anne "Ozzie" Osborn Cox, and Billie Mitchell Hanes in the late '40s. The four studied at a table in the center of the Virginia Hall room, which Marcy remembers having wall-to-wall beds, two "tiny, tiny" closets, and a private bath. Below: Noelle Paolicelli '17, who lives in the Virginia Hall room Marcy once did, welcomed the alumna and admired her wedding band.



"When they were together, I felt like Juney would do anything in the world for [Marcy]," Hanes said recently.

Indeed, he sprang for that convertible Marcy wanted and drove it on their honeymoon to Niagara Falls.

The years that followed were a swirl of children – first Ellen, then Elmer R. "Tip" Morris III – grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Juney bought Morris Chevrolet in King George and ran it for 47 years. He dealt in real estate, served 20 years on the school board, and helped found King George State Bank. Marcy taught piano and directed church choirs. She formed the Backyard Players theater group and helped found the Woman's Club of King George.

A collection of scrapbooks – bulging with playbills, mementos from cruises, and memories surrounding their

Mary Washington days – captures their story. Their alma mater had provided a haven of peace for June, been a springboard to the world for Marcy, and sparked a love affair that spans four generations.

The Morriszes hadn't forgotten. Marcy has been involved with the Alumni Association since graduation; served on the board, twice as reunion VP; and helped form an alumni chapter in King George. They support UMW Galleries and the Great Lives lecture series, and still get to Mary Washington as often as they can.

"Every time the doors open, we're there," June said.

They've known seven UMW presidents, from Morgan

L. Combs to William M. Anderson and beyond, but it's with the current administration that the couple has found a connection. During the University Centennial Celebration in 2008, the Morriszes endowed the Richard V. and Rosemary A. Hurley Employee Appreciation Commendation for staff or faculty who've shown dedication to the University.

"I think they can feel how much Rose and I admire their love for each other and their love for Mary Washington," Hurley said. "It's a humbling experience for me."

One of the Morriszes' grandsons, **Paul Morris '10**, earned a theater degree at UMW. For his grandparents' 63rd anniversary in August, he sent a gift – a live gardenia, like the one June bought for Marcy that very first Valentine's Day.

The couple – she's 84; he's 89 – still live in their modest King George County home, with family nearby, and they still eat dinner by candlelight. Sometimes, by the flickering glow, they remember those long-ago years, when they found themselves – and each other – at Mary Washington.

"It's a storybook love story and couldn't be written any better," Hurley said. "They still hold hands while walking down Campus Walk and speak so lovingly about each other. They are a beautiful couple." 🏠



The Morriszes dine by candlelight each night. At top, they and the Hurleys present Associate Vice President of Business Services **Erma Ames Baker '82** the 2013 Richard V. and Rosemary A. Hurley Employee Appreciation Commendation, an award the Morriszes created and endowed.

MODERN *Family room*

New building centers
on student life

| By Anna B. Billingsley



Preservationists recommended the site of Chandler Hall, left, for the new Campus Center, architectural rendering above, on Ball Circle. Chandler was razed last summer.

FROM THE HALLOWED GROUNDS that once housed Chandler Hall, a modern living room is emerging.

When it is finished in 2015, the new four-story Campus Center will live up to its name. It will be at the center of the grounds, and it will serve as the living room – or, more aptly, the family room – for the campus community.

The Campus Center will help University of Mary Washington stay competitive with colleges of similar size while also meeting the evolving needs of students. One of the main benefits will be improved dining facilities.

Students have been eating at Seacobeck Hall since it opened in 1931 – back when young academics were expected to dress for dinner and show up at assigned tables precisely on time. Today's students cherish Seacobeck for its history, but not for the long lines they wait in to be served. In 2013, the building serves about 60 percent more people than it was designed to serve in 1931. It also is home to student organizations, but offers little space for members and meetings.

Space is tight, too, at Woodard Hall, now home to the campus center, post office, meeting rooms, and more. Students want – and expect – amenities Woodard can't accommodate, and the building has failed to serve as a central gathering place.

The Chandler location was selected for its place at the hub of UMW life – Ball Circle – and to honor historic preservation. According to a recent study of Chandler Hall, built in 1926, most of its internal historic significance had been destroyed in multiple renovations. A committee of internal and external professionals, including UMW historic preservationists and representatives from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, supported building the Campus Center on the Chandler site.

Chandler Hall was razed last summer, and workers carefully removed the clock and column caps, making it possible to use them elsewhere on campus.

Two linden trees still tower on the Ball Circle site. UMW



4TH FLOOR:
dining room

3RD FLOOR: student clubs;
Multicultural Center;
Center for Honor,
Leadership, and Service

2ND FLOOR: spacious,
comfortable common
area with fireplace;
retail shopping

**GROUND FLOOR
(ENTRANCE FROM
COLLEGE AVENUE):**
ballroom, commuter
lounge

has coordinated with experts to protect their root structures from construction. Other trees around Chandler Hall had to be removed to accommodate the Campus Center's 105,685-square-foot outline, but for every tree lost, a new one will be planted on campus.

In Chandler's absence, the Department of Psychology and the Fredericksburg campus's College of Business offices are in George Washington Hall and the Annex. Once renovations to Woodard and Mercer halls are complete, business will move to Woodard and psychology to Mercer. After dining moves to the Campus Center, plans are to keep the faculty/staff dining room in Seacobeck.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What will the new Campus Center offer?

The center's entry level will offer a warm, welcoming space, with ample comfortable seating and a working fireplace. Level by level, the building will contain:

Ground floor (entrance from College Avenue): ballroom, commuter lounge

Second floor: comfortable common room and retail

Third floor: Multicultural Center; Center for Honor, Leadership and Service; Student Activities and Engagement, Vice President for Student Affairs

Fourth floor: dining room

Will construction disrupt fun and formalities on Ball Circle?

Most of the green space will remain available to students and for special events, including commencement.

When will the Campus Center open?

Construction is expected to last through summer 2015; the building should open that fall. 🏠

**WATCH CONSTRUCTION AS
IT HAPPENS, LIVE!**

Go to umw.edu/campuscenter
and click "construction camera."

SURGEON SCHOLAR

A new MBA poises Dr. Balvant Arora to stay ahead of health industry changes.

Dr. Balvant Arora, MBA '13 could have been content with his achievements.

He'd succeeded professionally in his native India and in the United States, participated in groundbreaking surgery, and taught medical school. More recently he had moved to Fredericksburg to work for Mary Washington Healthcare as a plastic, reconstructive, and cosmetic surgeon, a career he chose for its balance of science and art.

But as the Affordable Care Act brought the business aspects of the health industry into political and social focus, Arora identified a gap in his own knowledge – and an opportunity to contribute constructively. He approached the leadership at Mary Washington Healthcare about the possibility of getting an MBA with a concentration in health care and was granted permission and financial support.

In 2010, at age 50, he went back to the classroom as a student in the University of Mary Washington's College of Business. And in May, after 3½ years of a rigorous schedule and challenging coursework, he proudly marched in cap and gown to receive a master of business administration degree.



| Story by Laura Moyer | Photos by Norm Shafer



Dr. Balvant Arora has passionately pursued education all his life, as his professional achievements attest. But in his 50s, he felt he had more to learn, and the UMW College of Business was the right fit. Arora earned his MBA this year, and he made an impression on his professors and fellow students.

His wife and daughters attended the commencement. And there in spirit were his parents and siblings back in India, the people who had instilled in him an intense commitment to education and the power of persistence.

In Anand, India, in the western state of Gujarat, Arora's father sold clothes for a living. The family wasn't wealthy, but the elder Arora made sure all five children had educational opportunities.

The message was clear: Education shaped not only what someone would achieve in life, but "who you are as a person," Arora recalled. "That resonated with me so much that I wanted to make sure I continued my education no matter what."

A sister became a teacher, an elder brother an engineer who worked overseas and sent money home to his family. "My brother taught me what sacrifice means," Arora said.

Arora graduated first in his high school class and earned government-sponsored merit scholarships to college and then medical school. He became a plastic surgeon and opened a private 10-bed hospital in India. But another dream pulled at him.

He wanted to experience life abroad, and in 1992 he got the chance to come to the United States.

The transition wasn't easy. Arora worked through the long process of having his medical credentials approved by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Then he embarked on several more years of research and education at Stony Brook University Medical Center in New York and at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland.

After a fellowship in cosmetic surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, he went back to Stony Brook as an assistant professor in the division of plastic surgery.

It was with Stony Brook University in 2005 that he participated in one of the most remarkable surgeries of his career. A factory worker had been in an accident that severed both hands at the wrists. Arora joined one of the two surgical teams assigned to reattach the man's hands, and the successful double-hand surgery made headlines nationwide.

But New York's cold winters got to Arora. In 2008, he and wife Kavita Arora, and daughters Priyanka and Ushna, moved to Stafford County. Here, in addition to

practicing reconstructive and cosmetic surgery at Mary Washington Hospital, Arora is chief of surgery at Stafford Hospital.

He was excited and a little nervous when he began his studies at UMW. Despite all his education and experience, he learned that there would be no shortcuts toward that MBA.

"I had to do it all from scratch, from the foundation courses onward," he recalled with a smile. "I didn't get out of anything."

But he found his College of Business professors knowledgeable and engaging, the courses challenging. A marketing class with Associate Professor Lou Martinette and a course in visionary leadership taught by Senior Lecturer George R. Greene especially stood out.



Often, Arora was the oldest student in class, which he thought was great. “I really enjoyed being in the company of students who were much younger,” he said. Many had grown up doing online research, and he learned from their comfort and ease with technology.

“They were very patient and very kind,” he said. “I’m always eager to learn from anyone who knows more than me, at any age. Anyone who knows more than me is my teacher.”

That attitude made Arora especially valuable in class, said Martinette, the marketing professor. Arora showed genuine interest in other students’ perspectives, and he listened more than he spoke.

“He was always respectful of other people’s positions and curious to know how they arrived at their conclusions,”

Martinette said. “When he had something to say or a question to ask, it added value to the discussion.”

Martinette was not surprised that Arora won the 2013 Outstanding Master of Business Administration Student Award. “As a student, he was curious, he was professional, he was intelligent, and he was humble,” Martinette said.

The MBA, Arora said, gave him the tools to stay ahead of change, and to contribute constructively. He’s grateful to Mary Washington Healthcare for giving him the opportunity.

And at 54, he is still looking for new things to learn and new ways to make a difference.

“I want to continue to deliver and be productive for a very, very long time,” Arora said. “There are so many things I want to do still.” 🏠

“THEY WERE VERY PATIENT AND VERY KIND. I’M ALWAYS EAGER TO LEARN FROM ANYONE WHO KNOWS MORE THAN ME, AT ANY AGE. ANYONE WHO KNOWS MORE THAN ME IS MY TEACHER.” - Balvant Arora



An accomplished surgeon, Arora said he learned from his fellow students in the MBA program. Near left, he and other degree candidates chat as they await the 2013 UMW commencement ceremony.



Girls Orphanage Opens in Honduras

Twelve orphaned girls in Honduras now have a secure, stable home thanks to two organizations founded by **Shin Fujiyama '07**.

The Villa Soleada Girls Home, which opened in August, provides young residents with housing, food, education, supervision, sports programs, and medical and psychological care – and someday, college. The orphanage is the culmination of a longtime dream for Fujiyama.

He first volunteered in Honduras as a UMW undergraduate, and the experience opened his eyes to “the state of children, especially girls, who struggle against poverty and unimaginable violence in the developing world,” he said in a video about his time there.

While still a UMW student, Fujiyama founded Students

Helping Honduras, an organization that has since grown to encompass dozens of college and high school chapters. More recently, Fujiyama and SHH created Central American Children’s Institute, specifically to help Honduran children.

The home for girls cost \$50,000 to build and furnish. It is in the community of Villa Soleada, which SHH helped develop in the past decade as a sustainable village for former residents of an urban shantytown.

Besides establishing Villa Soleada and opening the orphanage, SHH and CACI have built a dozen schools in Honduras; eventually, the groups hope to build 1,000 schools. Volunteers come from around the world to work on the projects, and money comes from campus-chapter fundraising efforts and private donations large and small.



Shin Fujiyama shares a moment with Abigail, 11, an orphanage resident undergoing treatment for a rare cancer. At right, children of Villa Soleada gather with some of their adult caregivers.

Lacy Moves to HBO

After 27 years as creator and executive producer of the acclaimed PBS biography series *American Masters*, **Susan Wagner Lacy '70** has signed a deal to produce and direct documentaries for HBO.

Lacy will create a biographical series for HBO. “This was a wonderful opportunity for me to continue to make films,” she told *The New York Times*.

Lacy created *American Masters* in 1986, and for the series’ first decade she produced the work of other documentarians. Eventually, she made films of her own, covering subjects including Paul Simon, Judy Garland, Lena Horne,

John Lennon, Leonard Bernstein, and Joni Mitchell.

Successful as *American Masters* has been, Lacy faced a challenge getting it off the ground, she recalled in a 2010 interview with *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. “Everybody laughed at me when I had the idea for the series, and now I’m getting lifetime achievement awards.”

The series also has won numerous Emmy Awards, Peabody Awards, and Grammys.



Susan Wagner Lacy



Natalie Joy Johnson

Diva of Distinction

Natalie Joy Johnson '00 shares some traits with her self-titled character in *Natalie Joy Johnson: Full Bush*, an adults-only show about a down-on-her-luck woman who is looking for love everywhere except where she'll find it – deep within herself.

The performance, described as “riveting” and “heart-stopping,” earned a 2013 New York Musical Theatre Festival Award for Excellence for outstanding individual performance.

The character “is a bit more grand...boozy...and over the top than I am,” Johnson told Playbill.com. “That’s saying a lot.”

The Mary Washington theater major, one of *Time Out New York’s* Top-10 Downtown Divas, might be best known for her two roles in *Legally Blonde* – on Broadway as high-strung law student Enid Hoopes and on the national tour as divorced manicurist Paulette.

The Village Voice called her weekly performance at Brooklyn’s Therapy bar “zingy...and fun...Bette Midler meets Courtney Love.” Her first self-titled piece, *Natalie Joy Johnson Is Relentless*, was named a Top-10 cabaret.

Her latest creation, *Full Bush*, mixes her own real-life moments with ones she completely made up, Johnson told Playbill.com.

“I’ll never tell which.”

Driven to Succeed

An internship **Pionne Young Corbin '94** landed as a student at the University of Mary Washington has taken her more than 400 miles – from Stafford County, Va., to Buffalo, N.Y. – and launched her even further in her career.

Corbin, who has worked for GEICO for two decades, was promoted this summer to assistant vice president of underwriting for the company’s Buffalo regional operation.

The country’s largest direct marketer of car insurance, GEICO insures more than 18 million vehicles and is, according to A.M. Best’s 2011 market share report, New York’s top auto insurer.

Corbin’s journey with the company began in 1993, when she signed on as a college intern.

She graduated cum laude as an economics major the next year and completed a management internship in 1996. She moved on to hold the titles of claims service representative supervisor, sales supervisor, and service manager. By 2004, Corbin was managing the company’s new business underwriting and reunderwriting divisions; by 2009, she was commercial auto operations manager; and in July of last year, she became director of GEICO’s commercial auto division.

In her new role, Corbin is responsible for all auto policy underwriting operations in the Northeast, including New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.



Pionne Young Corbin



West Virginian Preserves Wheeling's Buildings

Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting '56 fell in love with Victorian architecture when a Mary Washington professor assigned her class to draw some of Fredericksburg's historic buildings.

Sixty years later, the Wheeling, W.Va., resident is still hooked on stained glass, fretwork, and all the flourishes of the 19th century.

Nutting's efforts to preserve and restore Victorian buildings are nationally known. And, for them, West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin bestowed on her the Distinguished West Virginian Award this spring.

An art major at Mary Washington, Nutting studied biology at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. But architecture called.

In the past several decades, Nutting has overseen the refurbishment of more than 20 Wheeling structures, including the John List House and other historic-district buildings. She's also worked to restore the Wheeling Suspension Bridge; participated in an "Operation Look-Up" newspaper series showcasing unaltered upper stories of historic facades; and helped launch Wheeling's annual Victorian Show-Off! tour.

Nutting, vice chair of the Vandalia Heritage Foundation's

board of directors, was the first president of Preservation Action in West Virginia and a founding member of Friends of Wheeling. She was president of the Victorian Wheeling Landmarks Foundation, was on the West Virginia Archives and History Commission, and spent nine years as West Virginia's adviser to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for which she remains adviser emerita.



Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting

Courtesy of The Intelligencer, Wheeling, W.Va.

Young and Influential

Because of her work for human rights, **Mary David '07** was named among the "2013 Top 99 Foreign Policy Leaders Under 33." In the international list, *Diplomatic Courier* magazine and the nonprofit organization Young Professionals in Foreign Policy teamed up to identify the most influential foreign policy leaders younger than 33.



Mary David

"An ardent defender of human dignity,

Mary David fights against human trafficking and ceaselessly works for the rights of women and children worldwide," said Ana C. Rold, editor-in-chief of the *Diplomatic Courier*.

David, director of public relations for the Foundation for Post Conflict Development, helped draft some of Maryland's first laws against human trafficking. She was deputy chair of public awareness for the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and assists the Office of Children's Issues at the U.S. Department of State. She was the United Nations adviser on women and children for the ambassador of East Timor to the U.N. A lecturer on human rights and South Asian American identity, she has spoken at numerous institutions, including Georgetown University and the National Press Club.

David graduated from UMW with a double major in international affairs and communication, then earned a juris doctor from the George Washington University Law School.

"I am truly honored to be recognized among such prestigious and influential leaders from around the world," David said. "To be one of only 99 selected – and to see what others from the millennial generation are doing – inspires me to effect greater change."

Give It Your Best Shot!

Campus Drive became Campus Walk in 1986, so this snowy photo was probably shot between 1986 and 1990. We'd like to learn the name of this student. If you can help us identify him, please go to magazine.umw.edu, and click "Get the Picture" to leave a comment. Or send an email with "Get the Picture" in the subject line to ntrenis@umw.edu.

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Get the Picture

Betty Bartz Bradford '54 of Downingtown, Pa., "almost fell off the chair" when she spotted herself in the last issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*.

"When I saw that picture, I just got so excited," said Bradford (shown standing), who grew up on Long Island and came to Mary Washington from a two-year school in Pennsylvania.

She and the friend and fellow transfer student pictured with her, **Patricia Shipley Hook '54**, who passed away in 2010, looked busy enough inside the school's broadcasting studio. But Bradford couldn't remember why they had been there. They were speech and dramatic arts majors, so maybe it had been required for one of their classes, she reasoned.

Hook transferred again after junior year, Bradford said, so the photo must have been taken in 1952 or '53, while the studio still was housed in George Washington Hall.

While Bradford recalled little of the broadcasting studio, she did remember performing in plays, being in the Alpha Psi Omega society for outstanding theater students, and studying with drama professors Mark Sumner and Albert R. Klein. But her theatrical side took a detour when suitemate **Vivian James '53**, who later was in Bradford's wedding, piqued her curiosity about a special education graduate program at Columbia University. Bradford applied, earned a master's degree on a full scholarship, and taught the deaf and hard of hearing for most of her career.

Last issue's photo brought back memories of her brief interest in pursuing radio work, she said, and of strict Mary Washington rules and the measures she and her friends took to break them.

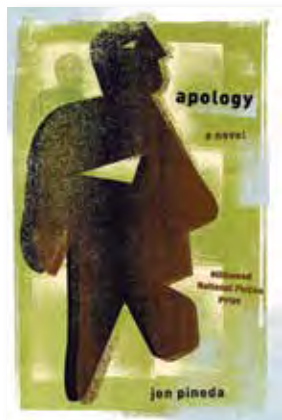


"Even though it was an all-girls school, we had a lot of fun," she said.

Now 81 years old, with three children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, Bradford keeps up with her evolving alma mater.

"When we went back to Mary Washington the first time, I almost had a heart attack" because of all the changes, she joked. "I love it. I'm so proud of the school."

Books by Faculty

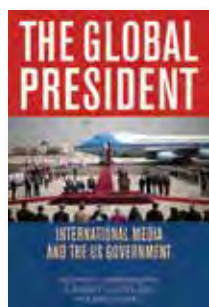


Apology: A Novel

By Assistant Professor of English Jon M. Pineda

When 9-year-old Tom Serafino's twin sister suffers a debilitating brain injury, a police investigation implicates his playmate Mario's uncle, an immigrant transient worker known as Shoe. Innocent of the crime but burdened by his own childhood tragedy, Shoe takes the blame for what is in fact an accident caused by his young nephew, ensuring Mario's chance at a future publicly unscarred. *Library Journal* gave *Apology* a starred review, calling it a "hauntingly poetic first novel about mistakes, love, and sacrifice. ... Reminiscent of Alessandro Baricco's *Silk*, this novel will appeal to lovers of literary fiction."

Milkweed Editions, June 2013



The Global President: International Media and the U.S. Government

By Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Stephen J. Farnsworth, S. Robert Lichter, and Roland Schatz

This student resource explores the evolving news coverage of the American government and the U.S. president, and its influential power over the political attitudes of an increasingly connected world.

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, August 2013

Books by Alumni

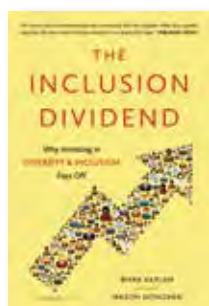


Vectors: J. Robert Oppenheimer: The Years Before the Bomb

By Kelly Cherry '61

In her ninth chapbook – a precursor to a full-length book in progress – Cherry, former Virginia poet laureate, depicts the life of the physicist known as the father of the atomic bomb, from childhood to his time as director of the Manhattan Project.

Parallel Press of University of Wisconsin Libraries, December 2012



The Inclusion Dividend: Why Investing in Diversity & Inclusion Pays Off

By Mason Donovan '91 and Mark Kaplan

The authors share their views on how to create a diverse workplace that includes those with cultural, racial, and other differences, and why doing so is a wise business move that leads to innovative collaboration and stronger relationships with clients.

Bibliomotion, May 2013



Reveal Your Detroit: An Intimate Look at a Great American City

By Bradford Frost '05

The Detroit Institute of Arts and dozens of Detroit community organizations handed disposable cameras to 1,000 Motor City residents and asked them, "What does your Detroit look like? How do you want others to see it?" The result was *Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010*, the institute's exhibition of more than 2,000 snapshots. Author Frost, director of Detroit's Living Cities Integration Initiative, selected 192 of those images for print in *Reveal Your Detroit*. In the book of photo essays, he shows the people's perspectives and places – from the gritty to the sublime.

Wayne State University Press, September 2013



Big 6, Large and in Charge: Project-Based Information Literacy Lessons for Grades 3-6

By Annette C. Hibbert Nelson '00 and Danielle N. DuPuis

Based on national content standards, this collection of unit plans for teachers, created by library media specialists, builds on a method of problem-solving and decision-making called "Big 6" by introducing a superhero-type character that helps children find answers through critical thinking.

Linworth, March 2013

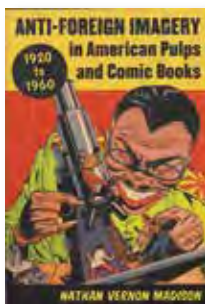


The Embrace: Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo

By Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69

From the first time she saw the paintings of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo at El Museo del Barrio in New York City, Kreiter-Foronda was inspired to write her impressions in poetry. This collection by Virginia's former poet laureate reflects Rivera and Kahlo's marital, physical, and artistic struggles during the early 20th century.

San Francisco Bay Press, March 2013



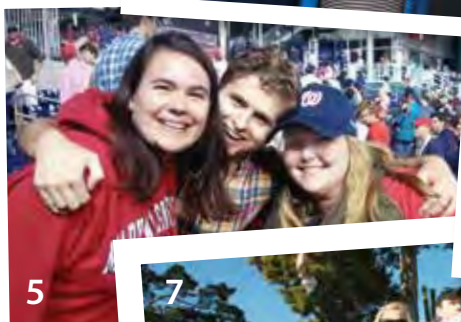
Anti-Foreign Imagery in American Pulp and Comic Books, 1920-1960

By Nathan Vernon Madison '08

The author explores how Americans' fear of outsiders and evolving nativist attitudes surrounding both world wars shaped the stories, villains, and heroes of four decades of comic books and other inexpensive literature.

McFarland, January 2013

ALUMNI SEEN



1. Mary Washington alums, including (left to right) **Christine "Kiki" Connerton Smith '83**, **Jennifer Goodwin Donegan '82**, and BOV member **Tara Corrigan '82**, heard President Richard V. Hurley speak at a Tidewater Network event in October.
2. The Fredericksburg Network's annual crab feast in August drew alumni and friends, including (left to right) **Monecia Helton Taylor '81**, William Helton, Cynthia Helton, and **Beverly Lee Karras**.
3. **Sharon Ingram Becker '83** and Neil Becker, with daughter **Maggie Becker '16**, gathered with others whose family members share UMW ties at the Legacy Breakfast during Family Weekend in September.
4. President Hurley and wife Rose visited with **Ruth McDaniel Potts '44** at an alumni event hosted by John and **Marjorie Sheetz Lewis '64** (not pictured) near Winchester, Va., in June.
5. Members of the D.C. Metro Network, including (left to right) **Brittney Baker '09**, **Ben White '09**, and **Emilie Begin '10** cheered on the home team at a Washington Nationals game in September.
6. **Kim Barlow Hoffman '78** (left) and **Hannah Massey '83** sported Mary Washington Legacy Wear while enjoying summertime seafood at the Fredericksburg Network crab feast in August.
7. Students and alumni showed their Mary Washington pride in late October at the new Homecoming Weekend tailgate event.
8. Friends (left to right) **Trevor Daubenspeck '08**, **Chris Russell '08**, **Sean O'Brien '09**, **Jay Sinha '07**, and **Krishna Sinha '08** gather for a group shot in the Homecoming Weekend tailgate tent at the Battleground Athletic Complex.

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Elizabeth Cumby Murray was to turn 90 in September and, with another 90-year-old, planned a big party with lots of friends. Elizabeth has three great-grandchildren – the youngest is a girl – and hopes she can just keep going as well as she has been.

Libby Phillips Roe said what we all realize – the years are catching up with us. She turned 90 in June, and she and Bill celebrated their 69th anniversary! Lots of her friends and granddaughters plan to marry soon.

Anna Austin Ware turned 90 in April and had lunch with a schoolmate and a few locals. Her daughter took her to church on Mother's Day. Anna has decided to stop going to the grocery store and let her once-a-week helper shop for her.

Isabel Hildrup Klein has her first great-grandchild. Willa is the daughter of Isabel's granddaughter, Robin, a scientist who travels the country with baby in tow. They

hadn't had much storm trouble, but their driveway flooded. Bob isn't doing too well, but Isabel is a pretty good nurse.

Mary Ellen Starkey still lives in her La Plata, Md., retirement house and is doing as well as can be expected with her cane. She has lunch with a friend at son Donny's restaurant every day after Mass. Her great-granddaughter, Donny and Marta's granddaughter, is in England.

Elaine Rolley Alley likes reading *Class Notes* in *UMW Magazine* and decided it was time to give her own update. She is in assisted living in Richmond's Short Pump area and regularly sees her two children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson who live nearby. She goes to church, reads, does word puzzles, and bowls on her iPad.

My children planned a big party for my 90th birthday. There must have been 100 people there. Half of them were my family, including three great-grandchildren – one boy, Gabriel, born at Christmastime, and two girls, ages 1 and 2. Three grandchildren couldn't be there. One was in Hawaii, one in California, and one newly married in Germany. One of my grandchildren does photography and took hundreds of photos. I still play bridge and sing in the choir. My family keeps telling me to use the cane, but I haven't given in yet; I guess I should because now I am one of the old ladies. One of my sons has lived with me for a while, and one of my daughters and her fiancé were living upstairs until their planned marriage in October, so I can't be lonesome.

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Mark and I moved to a 5-year-old patio home last October and wondered about the shrubs and flowers the previous owner planted. According to the neighbors, she was a master gardener who designed the community garden. The small areas near our front door and around the patio

Ninetieth birthday parties galore in the Class of '44, including **Elizabeth Cumby Murray**, **Libby Phillips Roe**, **Anna Austin Ware**, and **Phyllis Quimby Anderson**.

are very colorful; she planned it to highlight different plants and colors at different times. I never know what to expect when I walk out the door.

Ladies, let us know what is going on in your lives.

1948

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Our class will be deeply saddened to know that our beloved **Sarah Armstrong Worman Gregg**, student government president in coordination with U.Va. and, more importantly, friend, leader, and inspiration to all of us '48ers, died in May in hospice in Leesburg, Fla.

1949

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As the summer moved along, incoming news for this edition was slow and sorrowful.

Last year, we learned of the loss of **Polly Bridges Allen**, **Florence "Flo" Archibald Barrow**, **Frances "Frankie" McGlothlin Borkey**, **Ann Kitchen Midgett**, and **Ann Mathews Pope**. At this writing, only halfway through the year, we'd learned that **Jane Seeley Hansell** died in January; **Betty Lou Shelhorse Rogers** in February; **Primm Turner French** in April; **Virginia "Jinny" Merrill MacLeod** in May; and **Helen Gresham Walton** and **Mildred Vance Secular**, sister of **Lucretia "Lucy" Vance Gilmer**, in June. On behalf of the class, heartfelt sympathy was sent to the families. We are grateful to classmates for alerting us to some of these deaths and to the Office of Alumni Relations for supplying a list of classmates known to be deceased.

Flo's daughter, **Lisa Barrow**, sent a note that told of her mother's fond memories of her years at Mary Washington and the wonderful lifelong friendships she made. Flo graduated from the Peabody Institute and MWC, majoring in voice. Her singing and acting talents were well known on campus and continued throughout her productive life. Flo and husband **John** reared two sons and a daughter in Severna Park, Md., where she supported health care, political, and fine arts causes, and appeared in numerous musical theater productions. The program for the memorial service and celebration of life featured pictures of Flo, lovely as ever. Four grandchildren participated in her service, and one echoed Flo's talent by singing *Over the Rainbow*.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart was off to Halifax to do an episode of *Mr. D*, a Canadian TV sitcom about a teacher at a private school. Conni was to portray a wealthy donor who demands the attention of the young pros. Conni sent Primm's obituary. Born in Richmond, Primm attended 12 different schools, graduating from high school at 16. After getting her degree at MWC, she began her teaching career at age 20. She taught throughout Virginia before the civil rights movement and was a strong proponent of equality.



She moved to Stockbridge, Mass., where she was the K-12 art teacher for several years before marrying John French in 1963. They met in Italy, where both studied pottery, and spent their first six years of marriage in Ireland, where their three daughters were born. They immigrated in 1969 to Stockbridge, where they secured jobs teaching art in the newly formed Regional School District. Primm was named Outstanding Educator of the Visual Arts in Massachusetts in 1985 and supervised the art department until retirement in 1992. John excelled at ceramics, and the creative couple started The Dolphin Studio and originated a silk-screened calendar, now in its 42nd year of international sales. Primm also was a masterful painter, mosaic artist, screen printer, and collage and textile artist. She loved her five grandchildren, music, reading, traveling, and spending summers at their studio in Galway, Ireland, where, before her sudden death, she planned to return in May to continue her late husband's retrospective, including a book to be published during summer. Her passing was a shock to her family and BFF suitemates, Conni, **Norah Pitts Byrnes**, and **Betsy Thorne Bultman**. Conni held her own private memorial service for Primm, seeing the Art Gallery of Ontario's exhibit of early Florentine art, noting that Primm met John at art school in Florence and much of the exhibit seemed to echo the couple's work.

Jinny's daughter, Merril MacLeod Baldwin, sent her mother's obituary, noting how Jinny, who passed away on May 30, the 64th anniversary of our graduation, loved her MWC years. As one of few students from New England, she said her Boston friends laughed at the accent she acquired during the year, while her Virginia friends laughed at her accent when she returned from summer vacation. Her roommate, **Jean "Murphy" Murphy Baptist**, with whom she maintained a lifelong friendship, was a bridesmaid in Jinny and John's wedding. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Providence, R.I., then moved to Massachusetts, where they reared

three daughters and a son. The MacLeods have 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with two more expected in October. Jinny was a longtime member of a power squadron; garden, yacht, and bath and tennis clubs; and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. She shared with her growing children her interest in travel, art,

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons '49 and Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly '49 meet frequently to remember the old days, when they were suitemates.

gourmet cooking, and reading. Jinny and John traveled the world, visiting 35 countries. Their love of picnics and road trips took the family from Nova Scotia to Key West and left no New England back roads undiscovered. They explored the coastline from Maine to Rhode Island by land and sea. Her extended family will continue to be blessed by her wonderful life and love.

Murphy said Jinny's passing leaves her sole survivor of their suite, with the earlier death of **Barbara "Slip" Haislip Lynch**, our class president, and the unknown fate of Slip's roommate, **Janet Ewerhardt Dengle**, said to have taken a foreign assignment with the CIA.

In 2009, Betty Lou, newly widowed, returned home to the TLC of her family in Fredericksburg and visited campus briefly during our 60th reunion. By doctor's dictate, she'd abandoned her lifelong love of riding, so, during her stay, her brothers put her on a horse for the last time. Her sister-in-law took a picture as proof of that nostalgic final ride.

Barbara Tripp Wright reported Helen's death after learning of it from **Alta Towe Fogelgren**, Helen's roommate junior and senior year. Helen had been in ill health, and her two sons, who live in North Carolina, found a nursing home near one's home in Greensboro, where

she received excellent care. She was widowed in 1971 and taught school for 33 years.

As both their maiden names began with T, Alta and Barbara were seatmates all four years of chapel/convocations and continue their friendship today, especially via email and phone. Alta and husband Carl traveled widely for years but now enjoy staying home in Virginia Beach, especially when their son, grandson, or granddaughter visits. Alta's macular degeneration is responding to new treatments.

After two hip replacements and a fall last year that fractured her shoulder, Barbara was finally recovered and driving again when she began waking to pain and double vision, and was diagnosed with a giant aneurysm above her right eye. She did so well during her seven-hour surgery in Charlottesville in April, the surgeon proclaimed her "a miracle." A week in a hospital skilled-care facility and therapy followed. Unable to drive again, she felt blessed to have her nephew and his wife, good neighbors, and church family at hand. She was to have another angiogram in October and anticipated continued improvement. With all her travails, Barbara has lost neither hope nor her delicious sense of humor. That's our Barb!

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart '49 was off to Halifax to do an episode of *Mr. D*, a Canadian TV sitcom about a teacher at a private school.

Lucy Vance Gilmer reported the passing of her sister, Mildred, in Silver Spring, Md. They lived in Bristol, Va., where they attended two years of college before transferring to MWC. Though Mildred was older, the sisters began school together. Their majors, art for Mildred and chemistry for Lucy, were as divergent as their personalities and interests. Mildred had been in failing health, and

Lucy credited Mildred's husband, Sidney, for her excellent care. Lucy also recently lost two sisters-in-law with whom she was extremely close. Lucy's active dedication to her family, church, Sullins College and Virginia Interment College "daughters," and wide circle of friends has been documented in *Class Notes*, and she continues to be a faithful correspondent.

Mary Elwang Sharpley's BFF, **Jeanne Farrington Leslie** of Roswell, Ga., called in May to say her husband, Mike, died after a stroke last December left him immobile and unable to speak. Jeanne said his spirits remained remarkable. Our heartfelt empathy was offered to Jeanne and her family.

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons and **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** meet frequently in Lynchburg, Va., to remember the old days. Of the BFF classmates who shared a suite, only Andi and Marion are still in touch. **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook**, **Margaret "Myrt" Thompson Pridgen**, and **Frances "Frankie" McGlothlin Borkey** are deceased. Marion said that **Norvell Millner Thomson '48** ran into UMW President Richard V. Hurley in Richmond. He was interested in the fact that several MWC alumnae live at Westminster Canterbury and said he wanted to pay them a visit. And he probably will!

When **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt's** sister from Alabama was recovering from back surgery and visited her in Texas, Kate learned to be a caregiver but found it exhausting. She planned a 10-day summer visit with her son, his wife, and a friend at the nearby family farm.

On Virginia's Eastern Shore, **Judith "Judy" Stone Johnstone** and Bob sold their Melfa, Va., farm, moved into an apartment at Onancock, and seemed settled, but we recently lost contact with them. After consulting **Elizabeth "Liz" Barnes Hornsby**, who confirmed she still mows her eight acres and plays bridge, and **Harriet "Scotty" Scott Brockenbrough**, we learned that Judy and Bob moved in April to

Weston, Mass., close to daughter Ann and husband John. Judy said the move meant changing everything – email addresses, insurances, etc. She got a new ID card, as her macular degeneration negates driving, and added, “at least we could keep our names!” The Johnstones planned to drive to Illinois for granddaughter Katie’s August wedding.

Elizabeth “Betty” Fischer Gore believes ignoring advice on avoiding would-be public health problems has allowed her to build up normal immunity and “still be kicking at 85,” though she admitted her kicks don’t have the same power they once did!

Thanks to those who sent news, sad as much of it was. As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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I am pleased to have news from several classmates. I wish more of you would keep in touch.

Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni’s granddaughter, **Ana Zeynep Yildirim ’13**, earned a degree from UMW, then traveled with her brother and sister to Turkey to visit their father’s homeland and their Turkish grandmother. Ana’s mother is **Ana Catoni Yildirim ’80**.

Carmen spoke to **Alicia De Rivera-Cruz**, whose health seemed better. On a sad note, Carmen saw on Facebook that **Anne Garlette Maling** passed away. **Carol Bailey Miller** still works on Virginia Horse Shows Association history and was appointed to the Hall of Fame nominating committee. She spoke with several well-known people in the horse-show world, including Bill Steinkraus, who was on the U.S. Olympic team for several years. Carol has attended several meetings of Mary Washington alumni in Richmond and enjoyed meeting people from different classes.

Elsie Lee Davidson Floyd enjoyed her spring flowers after all the rain but was concerned for others experiencing rain and tornadoes. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl had the downstairs of their Cape Cod home painted and new flooring put in the kitchen. **Marge Diener Knapp** lives with son Jon

and recently gave up driving. She fell during a trip to Barnegat Light, N.J., and crushed her left elbow. She had surgery in October and received a new elbow, a titanium implant. She called her therapist “Colleen the Crusher” because she worked her so hard, but it paid off. Marge belongs to a singing and bell-ringing group for seniors, and has lunch and plays Scrabble every Wednesday with her 101-year-old pal, Mabel. Mabel usually wins!

I took another escorted tour this spring to the national parks of Utah: Arches, Bryce, Zion, and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. I didn’t do some hiking trails the younger people did, but I enjoyed the sunrise and sunsets and was awed by God’s country.

1951

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My husband, Edgar D. Morris, passed away June 8.

Classmates, I hope you enjoyed the last news we had in our magazine. Please send more. Enjoy yourselves.

1952

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Susan Hutcheson Jurgens visited roommate **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove** in Ashland, Va., in March. They went to a variety show and met third roommate **Carol Oliver Headlee** for lunch at a Richmond restaurant the next day. They all talked about college days. Susan finished her October-through-April Orange County Bridge Marathon. One of her two partners was **Catherine Matthews Gillespie ’63**. Susan plans an October Road Scholar trip to Prague, Bratislava, and Budapest.

1953

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1955

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I hope everyone had a good, safe summer, despite the crazy climate changes, tornadoes, floods, fires, and droughts. Once again, thanks to those who sent news. My records aren’t always up-to-date, so if you change email addresses, please send me the new one.

Beth Otway Crawford has three daughters and six grandchildren. She lives in the Montreal suburb of Pointe-Claire, with a five-minute walk to the shore of Lake St.-Louis and the village. Other than the activities of Quebec’s language police and talk of separating from the rest of Canada, she finds it delightful and interesting.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth said it was too darn hot. She was

Carol Bailey Miller ’50 works on the history of the Virginia Horse Shows Association and was appointed to the Hall of Fame nominating committee.

enjoying the AC and ready for fall/winter. Sam Stone, **Shirley Gregory Stone’s** husband, wrote that Shirley had no news but was still alive and kicking!

Sally Hanger Moravitz’s niece, Sally Patricia Hanger, married Peter Svenlen and lives in Stockholm. Trisha worked in New York in the ’90s and is now operations manager for SoHo’s Gudrun Sjoden, a Swedish firm that opened its first NYC store. Sally hoped to connect with her during her fall visit. Other trips will mainly be to the doctor, but Sally can still pull in a 6-pound rockfish.

Joan Kleinknecht asked if she’d sent info too late for the last deadline, saying we tend to be a little forgetful as we get older. Well, Joan, if you did, I forgot where I put it. Got up the other day and found the orange juice in the pantry and the cereal in the fridge. So, I’ll catch you next time, if I remember!

Barbara Trites Peterson’s grandson, Dan Peterson, studied sports management at Old Dominion University. Barbara attended his graduation and met his girlfriend’s parents. Barbara spent almost three years working with a committee to plan an October meeting for Presbyterian Women of the Synod of South Atlantic to be held in St. Simons Island, Ga., and attended by 350 people.

Ginny Marco Hancock’s daughter, a permanent second mate and relief mate on the Stewart J. Cort, a 1,000-foot Great Lakes bulk carrier, was installed in February as the first female Grand Lodge President of the 123-year-old International Shipmasters Association. On a sad note, Ginny reported the deaths of the son and daughter-in-law of the late **Kae Enquist Brown** and Dr. Joseph Daniel Brown III. Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Brown IV and Susan Stanger

Brown were killed in a small plane crash in April.

Anne Rohrbach Culwell works in Oklahoma City. She survived the tornadoes in Norman, but a hailstorm ruined her roof. Her great-great-grandson and

friends were having a wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner when some left for a friend’s house. The rest were to follow, but a tornado alert sent them to a Norman shelter. Tornadoes struck around but not in Norman. Anne planned to visit the Wisconsin Dells and the Windy City.

Sally Watson Castle went with UMW President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose on a President’s Travel Club trip to Russia, Finland, and Sweden.

The news from California is that my granddaughter, **Morgan James ’17**, headed to UMW and major in international studies in the fall. She loves the campus. I looked at maps she brought home and at the classes offered. Boy, what a difference from the ’50s.

Take care, but still manage to be a little outrageous.

Memphis Museum Perfect Fit for Fashion Historian



Karen Kilgore Ralston is responsible for a 1,000-piece clothing collection at the Woodruff-Fontaine House and creates hats for Memphis Playhouse productions. The volunteer milliner and curator taught herself about vintage and Victorian clothes.

New to Memphis in 1999, **Karen Kilgore Ralston '69** felt uprooted.

She and husband Jim had lived for 30 years in Cincinnati, where he worked as a corporate general counsel. But when Jim's company changed hands, the couple relocated for his new job.

To shake off her gloom, Ralston checked out the Woodruff-Fontaine House, a preserved Victorian mansion and museum in the city's historic Millionaires' Row.

A self-taught historian of vintage and Victorian clothing, with a library of books on the subject and her own extensive collection of garments at home, Ralston wandered the three-floor house museum with pleasure.

Then she spotted the ribbon. It was all wrong – a modern anachronism on an old blouse. "I opened my mouth and said, 'Ooh, that ribbon is not correct,'" she recalled with a laugh.

She soon started volunteering at the museum. There, she fixed that little ribbon – and took a big step toward banishing her discontent.

Today Ralston is Woodruff-Fontaine's volunteer curator of clothing, responsible for a 1,000-piece collection. She gives occasional public presentations on the intricacies of Victorian attire, from the skin

out. Audiences, she notes, are fascinated by Victorian underwear.

In 2000, she started volunteering as costume assistant at Memphis' Playhouse in the Square, and for a 2003 production of *Ragtime* she was asked to make all the ladies' hats.

"I said, 'I haven't ever made hats before, but I'm willing to learn,'" Ralston recalled. "And 47 hats later, I was the milliner."

She's since created hats for a variety of productions, few more fun than the campy showgirl headpieces for *The Producers'* musical within a musical, *Springtime for Hitler*. For it, Ralston made a hot dog, a Volkswagen, a German shepherd, and a giant pretzel, all wearable. "I made the pretzel out of pool noodles, with rhinestones as the salt," Ralston recalled.

The move to Memphis "turned out to be a wonderful opportunity to pursue things I had always wanted to do," Ralston said.

While studying at Mary Washington in the late 1960s, Ralston made dance gowns for herself and her friends. But she focused her academic efforts on the practical.

She graduated with an English degree in 1969 and married college beau Jim Ralston. He was a first-year law student – but he still got drafted. Newly married, he went to Vietnam, and she moved back in with her parents.

After Jim's return, the couple moved to

Cincinnati, where he finished law school and she taught middle school reading until her own children came along. Having a son and a daughter fueled Karen's creativity, and she happily produced whimsical costumes for Halloween, theater productions, and skating competitions.

Today, being a volunteer – even a very busy one – gives Ralston the flexibility to travel with her husband and to see dear college friends.

She has long gotten together with classmates **Linda Huff Alderson**, **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner**, and **Linda Maret Disosway**; the late **Betty Ferguson Foster** was also part of the quintet. Lasting friendships are just some of the treasures Ralston took from her college years.

Mary Washington gave her the foundation to keep learning on her own, Ralston said, and it emboldened her to embrace a challenge.

"It gave me the confidence to say, 'Yes, I can make hats for *Ragtime*,'" she said. "It was a great experience."

— Laura Moyer

1956

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I am falling behind in trying to use communication technology. My computer is obsolete so I can receive emails only on my cellphone. Please note the new address above.

Frank and **Meg White Fary** are still active, live in the North Carolina mountains, and visit friends in Williamsburg. **Carole Petley Toone** planned to visit her sister in August in Long Beach, N.J. She said Hurricane Sandy swept away many landmarks from her childhood there, but I'm sure the memories linger on.

Tim and **Mickey Foley McDaniel** enjoy retirement, with family, friends, and volunteer work. Mickey said Chandler Hall is gone, a new student center is planned, and naming rights were still available for a sizable endowment. **Margie Schauer** was leaving Washington, D.C., for Ingleside at King Farm in Rockville, Md. **Ann Mitchell Wood** said her hair is whiter and her memory fuzzier, but playing bridge goes on forever!

I enjoyed a small July party at Greenwood in Culpeper, where Lafayette dined in 1825, and the next day had lunch in the senior staff dining room in the West Wing of the White House. In June, 57 Chilton family members and descendants of my grandparents attended our biannual reunion at Shrinemont. **Mary Chilton Newell '54** was there sharing news of the birth of her first great-grandchild.

Keep in touch via phone or email. We're just three years from our 60th reunion!

1957

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Thanks to all who responded to the postcard requesting news for our column!

Sheila Liebler Brog of NYC and Avron, who still works at his law firm, are healthy and live one street

from the ocean. In summer, they play golf in Amagansett, N.Y., and Sheila plays competitive bridge. She has three boys – two in California and one in Greenwich, Conn. – and seven grandchildren, one a boy! Her oldest is due to have another girl in December. Her grandson studies Arabic at Dartmouth, spent a semester in the Tangier medina, and was doing an internship in Kuwait. He's fluent in French and studied Gaelic in Ireland for three years. His sister finished her freshman year at the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU,

Mary Chilton Newell '54 and Ann Chilton Power '56 were among 57 Chiltons at a recent reunion, where Mary announced the birth of her first great-grandchild.

loves theater, and was to continue her acting career in Burlington in July. Sheila loves having her near. The others are far from college age.

Betty Ann Rhodes O'Donnell used to take the bus from Mason's Island to visit Sheila. They'd have lunch, visit museums, and shop. Betty Ann has two children, both married, in Seattle – Adrienne, who has twins, and Brendan. Megan, her youngest, lives in Hartford, Conn.

Susan Bender Trotter of Hendersonville, N.C., planned trips to London with a daughter and granddaughter, and to Scotland and the Western Isles for a weaving and knitting tour.

Betsy Jones Ware's son and his wife, two daughters, and dog returned to Richmond after three years in Argentina. They lived with Betsy and Latané for three months while work was done on their house. The Wares' daughter, also of Richmond, works for an investment firm. Betsy and Latané stay busy with family and friends. Betsy often sees **Lucy Burwell Meade** and chats on the phone with **Vickie Majure Souder** and **Polly Smith Nelson**.

After more than 50 years in Macomb, Ill., **Sheilah Kennedy Dye** and husband Tom wanted to get closer to daughter Christy and moved in May to the home they bought in Las Palmas, a retirement community in Mesa, Ariz. They plan to visit their daughter and family in Chesapeake and their son, Tom, in The Woodlands, Texas.

Evelyn Nitti Ewald and husband Joe flew in May to Amsterdam, visited the newly reopened Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum, and boarded a

Baltic cruise that stopped in Northern Germany, Copenhagen, Helsinki, and Stockholm. They spent two days in St. Petersburg, Russia, visiting the palaces and

the State Hermitage Museum, which had been on Evelyn's bucket list.

Since retiring and selling her association management business in D.C., **Marianne McDermott** has focused on her love of animals. She has four cats, cares for two feral cat colonies, drives injured animals from shelters to rehabilitators, and

Sally Watson Castle '55 went with UMW President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose on a President's Travel Club trip to Russia, Finland, and Sweden.

has kept her bar membership to be an active member of the Animal Law Committee of the ABA. She gave up acting long ago but remains a theater enthusiast. She keeps in touch with good friend Debby Klein, widow of drama professor Albert R. Klein. Marianne still travels abroad every year and this year toured Italy. She has traveled to many wonderful places and met lots of interesting people, but her closest friends are still college roommates **Nancy Lee Holmes Bolton**, **Virginia Nettles Hutchinson**, and **Sue Carpenter Farmer**.

Bruce Ritchie Spain had a great time when **Sally Strawhand Westphalen**, who lives with Hank in Vero Beach, Fla., came to Richmond for their 60th high school reunion. They also met for lunch when Bruce was on vacation in Florida. Bruce downsized and moved to Westminster Canterbury Richmond, which, she said, is like a five-star hotel. In February, son Quigg Lawrence was consecrated a bishop in the Anglican Church of North America and Rwanda.

Dottie Spence Dederick and husband Ron of Virginia Beach were to celebrate their 54th anniversary in July. Retired for 11 years, they enjoy traveling. Ron made quite a comeback after an abdominal arterial aneurism five years ago and is involved in church, golf, and an investment club. Dottie plays bridge and tennis with **Lois Prime Liles** and visited **Johanna Taylor Higginbotham** before Johanna moved to Colorado. Dottie speaks with **Carolyn Ball Baldwin** and **Sally French Weber**, and sees **Grace Vakos Dragas**. The Dedericks' only granddaughter is a senior at University of Vermont. Their only grandson is a high school senior in Virginia Beach. Dottie has fond memories of Mary Washington, and *Class Notes* is the first thing she reads in *UMW Magazine*.

Jane Oakes retired 21 years ago, lives outside of Abingdon, Va., and keeps up with classmates through *Class Notes*. Sadly, Jane reported the loss of **Mary Jane Leonard** in 2009 and **Shirley Ann Lee** in 2012.

Please remember that this column is a joint effort! Look for deadlines in this issue, and email your news to me. Thank you so much.

1958

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When the program arrived for this past reunion weekend, I slowly realized there would be lots of walking and standing, which I still can't do much of, and had to give up



plans to attend. I contacted Marie Somma in the Office of Alumni Relations to see if an email could be sent to classmates asking for comments about their reunion experiences or, if they weren't planning to attend, for information they'd like to share. I am looking forward to hearing more about the newly formed 1908 Society.

Fran Karins Urdike couldn't make it to reunion. She and her husband were moving to Florida's west coast, where they've spent many winters.

Fran looked forward to swimming, biking, and tennis. She still paints and plans to have a studio and a gallery to represent her. Fran

keeps in touch with **Jerry Sample Stocks** and **Carol Ann Lassalle Roberts**. They had been visiting **Mary McCardell Furr** in Norfolk, Va., each year, but Mary passed away in spring 2012. Jerry and Fran attended Mary's funeral with their husbands, and they all plan to visit Mary's husband in the fall.

Jerry couldn't make reunion because of her grandson's play. Her big news – she finally graduated from college in May, receiving a bachelor's degree in studio art from the University of South Carolina Beaufort. Carol Ann had a wedding and two high school graduations to attend.

Harriet Ayres Chamberlain was doing well after a partial hip replacement six years ago. **Sandra Lee Roberts Allen** has lived 30 years with her husband on Aquidneck Island, near Narragansett Bay, in Rhode Island. Sandra retired from the library in 2006 and volunteers answering email and letters from those seeking help with genealogies and other research. Sandra said her roommate and sister-in-law, **Charlotte Allen Best**, died a couple of years ago. **Liz Slater Turner** said **Barbara Thompson Patterson** died not long ago.

Sandra Harman LoNano's husband has his own company, LoNano Financial Advisors Inc. Son Michael is VP and a CFP, and their

daughter is office manager. Son Stephen has lived in New Orleans since working on the movie *Ray* but was in Baltimore, working as an assistant director of a Netflix film with Kevin Spacey. The LoNanos have great-granddaughter Addison Grace. They planned a riverboat cruise down the Columbia River, and trips to D.C. for a convention; Cape Cod to see family; Durham, N.C., for an "Our State" weekend at the Washington Duke Inn; and Fredericksburg.

After more than 50 years in Macomb, Ill., Tom and **Sheilah Kennedy Dye '57** moved to a retirement community in Mesa, Ariz.

Kay Martin Britto and **Anne dePorry McGrath**, who is involved in photography and had out-of-town plans, couldn't make it to the reunion.

A special thanks to **Marjorie Sheetz Lewis '64** and husband John, who invited area alumni to their home, The Cliff, in Millwood, Va., in June to visit UMW's first couple, President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose. President Hurley discussed UMW's ongoing changes, regarding academics, buildings, and expanded services.

Peggy Kelley Reinburg sent an e-card after my hip surgery. Many of you have been in the same situation, and your encouraging notes meant a lot. It's a slow process, but it's amazing what can be done to help our bones continue to serve us.

Thanks to all who responded to the email request. Look in this issue for upcoming *Class Notes* due dates. Without your support, there are no notes. Please, send us news!

1959

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Martha Spilman Clark, president of the Lima Women's Chorale, was preparing for the group's 50th anniversary and the annual Women's Fellowship meeting, and directing the Lima High School graduation ceremony. Paul was involved in training sessions, the April Scripture Union USA conference in Valley Forge, Pa., and writing a book on the history of Scripture in Peru.

My grandson, Lucas, is 4. Virginia started him in preschool, and he loves it!

I know everyone is busy with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a myriad of activities that enrich our lives. Can you believe we are 75 years old? What a number! However, we meet again May 30 to June 1, 2014, for our 55th. Let's do it!

1960

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We received much news this time and are delighted to share it with you.

Sherry Farrington Green '60 did medical volunteer work in Kenya, was blessed in a mud hut by a Masai midwife/healer, and had tea with Mama Sarah, President Obama's grandmother.

Bayla Goldberg Manis said all was well in Tennessee. **Jean Eubanks Holland's** Bethany Beach, Del., cottage was damaged by the superstorm but is repaired and habitable. **Pat Garvin Dyke** has a granddaughter.

Florida has become **Syd Collson Chichester's** second but favorite home. She volunteers at the Environmental Learning Center, mentors at the youth center, and was excited about the new chimpanzee and elephant sanctuaries nearby.

Natalie Robins Lehmann-Haupt visited her daughter and new grandson in California, and spent time with avid surfer **Elaine Friedman Horschman**, who owns a boutique in Larkspur. **Jude Wandell Potter**, **Gail Mooney Grobe**, and others have thanked us for birthday greetings and sharing news. The updates recall MWC memories for **Mamie Sue Howlett Scott**.

Terry Eagles Dow and Albert were in relatively good health. Terry visited her son and family in Oregon, and they went to Crater Lake National Park. On the other side of the country, her older son and his wife expected their first baby. For 20 years, Terry has been part-time administrative director and sole employee for a medical foundation to support medical education and research that benefits Beverly, Mass.

Gretchen Squires Best has children and grandkids. She and her husband visited their older son and his wife and three grown grandchildren in D.C. **Joyce Neill Krost** planned to return to Spain and Germany in fall to visit family and paint.

The bishop of the Episcopal Trinity Cathedral in Easton, Md., has worked with Barbara Fisher,

Sandy Poole's partner, on diocesan committees and her counseling ministry. He invited them to have their wedding – the first same-gender wedding in that diocese – there.

Penny Engle Burkhardt and husband of 29 years Brad had a mini-reunion in

Florida with her two children from her first marriage. **Betty Ditmars Prosser** was to fly to L.A. in June for her oldest grandson's high school graduation and to Dallas in August to celebrate her 29th year with Mary Kay cosmetics.

Through extensive research, **Gail Mooney Grobe** has found family lines back to the 400s! Gail has a coffee mug that says, "UMW Grandparent," and she and her husband often visit campus to see the next generation in her line. Son David shares a birthday with **Karen Larsen Nelson** and exchanged greetings with her.

Sherry Farrington Green discovered sabre fencing and shares her victories at senior competitions with us. She planned to go to the Veterans' World Cup in Bulgaria in September. She is passionate about maternal health, and her doula/midwife practice is going strong. Sherry did medical volunteer work in Kenya in April, was blessed by a Masai midwife and healer in a mud hut, and had tea with Mama Sarah, President Obama's grandmother. Sherry speaks Kiswahili but still needed a translator. When husband Alan passed in 1989, she moved to Oregon, away from her four children and nine grandchildren, who live mostly in the Northeast, but she manages to visit them.

Bonnie Davis Hall had cataract surgery, and she and Ross sold one of their homes. They're still involved with the Revels and were to perform in a couple of concerts. Bonnie's old roommate, **Carlota Muse Rokita**, lives in a high-rise condo in Vienna, Austria. Carlota visited Bonnie and Ross in April and May, and they took her to see their 1780s farmhouse in the White Mountains, an Irish pub in Boston, and Longfellow's home gardens and grave. Carlota attended a family reunion on Cape Cod. When she left Bonnie's, she planned to visit more relatives in the South.

Jeanette Meyer Juren and Hal traveled to Ashland, Ore., and attended the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. From there, they flew to Minneapolis and toured the city, visiting museums and the Guthrie Theater.

Pat Voelker Donnell planned to travel this fall and said our correspondence renews her love for MWC. As a student, she had to finish college as quickly as possible and missed a lot of fun.

Gaye Roberts Olsen of Boise, Idaho, traded her favorite purple walker for a motorized chair, sold her home, and moved to assisted living, near friends and in-laws. Gaye's mother, who lived in Texas and suffered from Alzheimer's for six years, passed away.

Karen Larsen Nelson and Darrell of Mesa, Ariz., traveled to Florida for the high school graduation of their youngest grandson, who was to enter Marine basic training at Parris Island. On the way home, the Nelsons stayed at a South Fork, Colo., RV resort, where they danced nearly a week. Karen had cataract surgery before the trip and enjoyed her new eyesight. They drove to Reno, Nev., in July for the international round dance convention, and explored Oregon and Washington.

Jody Campbell Close does genealogical research. She and others successfully protested the county commissioner's effort at

privatization or outsourcing of the local county libraries for economic reasons. Jody has adjusted to her "new normal," walking with a brace to avoid pain. She said giving up long daily walks also troubled the dog, and they were both pouting!

Please send us a note. Each of you is part of our memories and tapestry of life. We want to stay in touch with all of you for as long as we can.

1961

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Please send news to the designated Class Agent according to the first letter of your maiden name.

From Connie: **Betty Meaders-Lynch** of Seattle wonders about the whereabouts of **Becky Johnson**, saying the two of them used to find dates at the Naval Academy. Betty often thinks of roommate **Maria Adela Rahola**. She was to have been

Sarah Leigh Kinberg '61 crossed Croatia, Ephesus, and Pompeii off her bucket list; visited her daughter in France; and traveled to Finland.

in Maria's wedding, but there was an airline strike the day she was scheduled to fly to Puerto Rico. Betty has a 2-year-old grandson.

Bev Carlson Shea had 11-year-old grandson Eric with them for the third summer. University of Wisconsin Press was set to publish author/poet **Kelly Cherry's** new collection of stories in spring.

Patty Cairns Hourin and Jim were to visit son Scott and family in Stuttgart, Germany, in June. Scott is on active duty with the Marines, and the girls, who still live in Hawaii, joined him for the summer. They all went to USAFA for nephew Jack Hourin's graduation and Lake Martin, Ala., for a cousin's wedding, and planned to attend a niece's Alp-top wedding in Switzerland.

Jerri Barden Perkins sailed around St. Thomas and the British Virgin Islands in June and recalled

times there with her husband. She planned to go on an Italian cruise with UMW alumni in October. She works in medical research, protects patients in clinical trials, and was invited to speak in January at two universities in India. Son Jack, a Roanoke, Va., physician, received the emergency department faculty teacher of the year award.

Mary Gilliam Dodson Larson said **Joyce Gann Rush** had been sick for several months and was recovering at a rehab center in Lynchburg, Va. Joyce and husband Carol celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. Get well, Joyce!

Sarah Leigh Kinberg has been traveling a lot, crossing Croatia, Ephesus, and Pompeii off her bucket list and visiting her daughter in France and two of their exchange students in Finland. She attended her 55th Maury High School reunion in Norfolk, Va., and spent three October weeks in Virginia and North Carolina. She and Tom traveled to France in June.

I continue to recover from my lung transplant last December at Duke. After eight months in Durham, we came home in April, but still travel to Duke about once a month for check-ups. The latest setback was sciatica, which had gone, and left hip pain, due to hairline fractures. I haven't fallen, so I probably have osteoporosis. Putting weight on it is painful, hence I'm not getting around much anymore. I'm doing physical therapy and trying to gain weight and build stamina and strength. As the surgeon said last summer, the transplant is not a guarantee of perfect health – you'll trade one problem for a different set of problems, but you will be alive! Andy has been a terrific caregiver, and my family, friends, and you, classmates, have been a great support. Thank you all! I can empathize with those who have been through rough treatments for cancer and other problems.

From Renee: **Mary Hatcher** and Bill took a cruise to Alaska from Seattle on the inside passage to Ketchikan, cruising Tracy fjord,



seeing the Sawyer glacier, and returning to Seattle via Wrangell, Alaska, and Prince Rupert, B.C. They spent a week in May in Upper Lake, Calif., tasting wines and attending lectures, then traveled to Angel Camp, Calif., to visit Yosemite.

Tomi Lewis Reneau, a Fredericksburg native, lives in Tampa, Fla. She was a day student from 1957 to 1960, but while living on campus, she met a young Marine on a summertime blind date. They eloped six weeks later and were transferred mid-junior year, and Tomi had to say goodbye to MWC. She and Cal were married 52 years and made it through two tours in Vietnam. After Cal retired from service, they moved to Sanford, N.C., where Tomi had her turn, owning a camera store, lab, and studio for 20 years, while Cal worked for Coty. They moved back to Fredericksburg, then eventually to a one-story home in Tampa. Cal passed away two years ago. Tomi enjoys bridge, genealogy, club work, family, and the Bodacious Chicks, a group of 15 gals who have known each other more than 65 years. Tomi counts MWC among the great things in her life.

Becky Paris Spetz of Lynchburg, Va., traveled to Italy in September 2011 and to Kingston, Ontario, in 2012 to visit Wayne's brother and his family. They returned from that trip to the superstorm, losing a large oak tree and power for six days.

Debbie Phinney Wylie of Cheshire, Conn., had visits this summer from her son, Rob, and grandson. She expected Laura to come from Georgia with her four and planned an August trip to Maine with her sister.

Judy LaRoe Hare said this wet Atlanta summer curtailed her tennis game, but she was able to watch Wimbledon. In June, she attended the French Open in Paris, which had been on her bucket list. She looked forward to their annual family vacation on the Gulf Coast in

Seacrest, Fla., where her son rents a place each summer to escape the Phoenix heat.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Stuart want to hear from anyone visiting Williamsburg.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins was awaiting an August visit from **Pat Scott Peck** and **Carolyn Crum Pannu**. Peggy enjoyed time at the lake with a new summer book club, boat rides, watching loons and an eagle, and receiving visits from family. She even enjoyed some of the cooking, as well as short hair and being barefoot.

I've been feeling quite well. My hair has grown back in curly! I took leave of what's left of my mind and agreed to participate in a clinical trial for a new breast cancer vaccine designed to prevent recurrences. Of course, I don't know if I'm getting the vaccine or a placebo, but I thought a 50/50 chance of living longer was worth it. I also feel I might be helping other

Nancy Booth '64 received her doctorate in 2009 and is a professor at Hudson County Community College in New Jersey.

women. I get four injections each month. One drug is similar to a drug that stimulates production of white cells, which I had while I was on chemo. It made me quite sick, while the chemo did not. I'm also on an estrogen suppressor, which has many unpleasant side effects I could nicely do without.

To combat all this, I'm taking some interesting courses at UCLA Extension. I haven't the stamina yet for teaching. Thanks to the responding class members. It really is great to hear from you. Keep well, happy, and busy.

From Lynne: Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wright Coxe wrote sentiments we all share, "The best news is that our own dear Connie successfully received a lung transplant. Through a great deal of courage on her part and Andy's care (along with Duke!), she has weathered many storms and trials.... She is a terrific example to us all!"

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland first wrote that twin sister **Judy Saunders Slifer's** multiple myeloma had actively returned, leaving her weak and in home hospice care,

Judy Wolfe Allen '62 said downsizing is not for sissies! She and Jack left their home of 37 years and returned next door to where they lived when she was teaching and he was in Vietnam.

but in no pain. However, a few days later Eleanore wrote: "I very sadly must let you know that my crazy, wonderful, full-of-life sister passed away quietly on Saturday evening (July 6) from her most unkind blood cancer, multiple myeloma. She fought it truly well and had five sometimes difficult years. But she was always with a smile and an amazing *joie de vivre*! We plan a celebration of her life the last part of August. I will truly miss her." We all will, Eleanore.

Lynne Wilson Rupert wrote that Jim passed away in June, after being diagnosed with lung cancer in April. They celebrated their 50th anniversary and his 80th birthday last year. They had a wonderful life together; memories, as well as her daughters and their families, were keeping Lynne strong. Our deepest sympathy to you, Lynne.

Carolyn Spell Robertson and Jim celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party, attended by all their children and grandkids. They planned a summer cruise around the Maine islands.

Kay Slaughter spent the fall of 2012 traveling and teaching with U.Va.'s Semester at Sea. They sailed the perimeter of the Atlantic – 14 port cities in four months. She traveled the Amazon and heard the Amazon Symphony in the Opera House in Manaus. Kay has two great-grandsons, and she is teaching land use policy, researching family history, and writing a novel.

Jean Ryan Farrell's Singapore family visited for six weeks this summer. They planned their annual dive trip to Curacao at Thanksgiving. Jean and Frank stopped to see **Connie Booth Logothetis** and Andy at their Wilmington, N.C., home in April, while making a quick visit to her brother.

Marcy Pitkin has been through so much lately, when she should have been planning her 50th wedding anniversary. Her brother died unexpectedly, her husband was hospitalized for congestive heart surgery, and she had a lump in her breast. After chemotherapy, Marcy planned to go to her hometown in Pennsylvania for a memorial service for her brother and a reunion with family and friends, before returning to Florida for a mastectomy. She hoped for family time in Key West at Christmas. We're all pulling for you, Marcy.

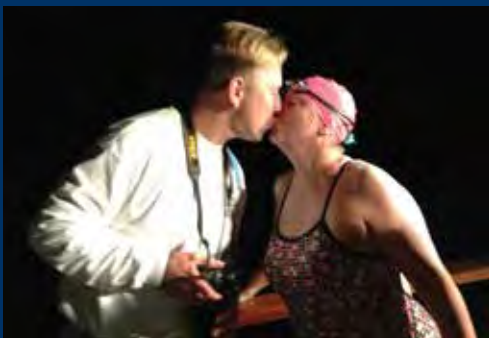
Sue Wilson Sproul and Dave spent a week in Park City, Utah. He attended a Native American flute camp and she spent time at the LDS Family History Center researching her ancestors. The forest fires had surrounded them in Colorado but had not reached them.

Jane Riles planned an art studio and painting classroom in the new addition to their house in San Diego, and trips to Cannes for her 12th art workshop and to Barcelona to travel by ship to Fort Lauderdale.

Aggie Welsh Eyster was in Berkeley, Calif., welcoming a new grandnephew and visited another grandnephew at Stanford. She shopped for handmade textiles in Guatemala, and in April saw

Attorney Takes Swimming's Triple Crown

Courtesy of WRIC



Richmond attorney Courtney Moates Paulk braved sharks and cold water to swim the 20-mile Catalina Channel in September and joined a group of only 79 people to earn the grueling Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. Paulk, at left in a pre-swim kiss with husband Matt, conquered the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim in 2011 and the English Channel in 2012, raising more than \$10,000 per year for charities.

Courtney Moates Paulk '92 was a few hours into her marathon swim across Southern California's Catalina Channel when she noticed a large shadow tracking her.

A curious sea lion observed the endurance swimmer for a bit, then nibbled on one of her toes before Paulk sent him packing with a gentle but firm kick. She had about six more hours to go in her solo journey across the 20-mile channel – the final leg in her quest to earn the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming – and even the most gregarious sea creature wasn't going to stop her.

"I'm in their world. You just have to be all right with that," said Paulk, a Richmond attorney, of run-ins with wildlife during open-water swims. "I think you have to prepare your head for it for months. 'OK, I'm going to jump in the Pacific Ocean at midnight where there are sharks and whales and sea lions and jellyfish and cold water. . . . In a lot of ways, I equate it to taking out the trash: You just have to do it.'"

Paulk finished the Catalina swim on Sept. 10 in just under 12 hours, joining an elite club of only 79 swimmers who have earned the Triple Crown. She finished the first leg in June 2011, completing the 28.5-mile Manhattan Island Marathon Swim in just under nine hours, and the

second in August 2012, crossing the chilly English Channel in just over 14 hours. Mary Washington alumnus **William Davis Lee '98** also swam the English Channel in June 2012 to complete the Triple Crown.

One day Paulk would like to return and "do a double," she said, swimming back to England after reaching France.

Paulk, 43, started swimming in pools when she was 3, but she learned to love the ocean while in high school in Virginia Beach.

"It's a completely different feeling than swimming in a pool, the concrete pit of death," she said laughing. "It's so much better."

Paulk graduated from Mary Washington with a bachelor's degree in theater and worked as a paralegal for five years before heading to law school at the University of Richmond. During school, she said, she didn't have much time for swimming.

But afterward, seeking a mental and physical challenge, she pursued endurance swimming. In 2003, she entered the 4.4-mile Great Chesapeake Bay Swim.

"It was cold. It was long. It was very difficult for me," she said. "But when I pulled myself up on shore in Maryland, I really felt like I had accomplished something. I thought, 'I want to do that again.'"

So she did, entering longer events in colder waters, and raising more than \$10,000 each year for charities in the process. Her husband, Matt Paulk, is often part of the crew that follows her in a boat, keeping track of her strokes – 58 to 61 a minute – and tossing her fuel: protein shakes, peanut butter sandwiches, and syrupy canned peaches, which coat the mouth and protect against the salt water.

On dry land, Paulk practices mostly construction law at Hirschler Fleischer, where she's worked for 12 years. Since 2010, media firm Thomson Reuters has annually named her one of Virginia's Super Lawyers based on peer recognition and professional achievement.

She said she loves the complexity of her job but finds that swimming is a great way to clear her mind.

"I think because you're submerged in water, you really do, in a physical way, shut the world out," she said. "So it's a way I can reinvigorate myself. It's meditative. I find it very peaceful."

— Edie Gross



El Anatsui's monumental metal "tapestries" at the Brooklyn Museum. She visited cousin **Jill Cusack Clay's** daughter, Bonnie (who is also my goddaughter!). Aggie had visits from her sister's (Jane, MWC Class of '57) kids and celebrated her daughter's 50th birthday. She also planned to conduct Aggie's Art Camp for her youngest granddaughter. Her closing statement was, "Life is good."

Pat Scott Peck drove up from Miami to Calais, Maine, as usual, for the summer and said all test results in April stated she was tumor/cancer-free. Losing 20 pounds quickly during her winter ordeal left her a bit weak (and wrinkled!) so she was working out with a trainer three times a week and eating well. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** was to visit Pat in Maine for two weeks in August, and they planned to visit **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** and explore Boston before Carolyn returned to San Francisco. Pat and Carolyn flew to Barcelona last October and took a cruise from there to Nice, with many stops along the Italian coast, and up the coast of Croatia to Venice.

Polly Updegraff Champ enjoyed winter in Florida. They walked a lot, especially at several nature preserves in Delray Beach and Boca Raton. In Connecticut, Polly dressed the male ensemble for *Sister Act* and *Catch Me If You Can*, and the two leading ladies in *Billy Elliot*. Polly shared a bit of nostalgia: "I was recently reminded that the MWC '61 yearbook's colored dance picture of me and **Beverly Sulpice '62** and **Bonnie Platt** was used for the 1964 paperback edition of Agnes de Mille's autobiography, *Dance to the Piper*. Not sure anyone else was aware of this. A. Wilson Embrey III was the photographer. I did some modeling for him during college."

Sandy and I (Lynne) finally sold our condo in Boca Grande, Fla. It's a relief not having three properties, but I am suffering a bit

of seller's remorse, as we have many friends there. During summer, we visited my sister in Dallas, and went to Cape Cod with friends and Nantucket with kids and grandkids.

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Greetings, girls: It is so wonderful to hear your voices! Joan came to Fredericksburg to visit with Kathleen in June, and for a couple of days they had a fabulous response trying to call our classmates while grabbing two phones.

Judy Wolfe Allen and Jack moved out of their La Jolla, Calif., home of 37 years in June and said downsizing is not for sissies! They moved half a block from the ocean – next door to where they lived in the 1960s, when she was teaching high school while Jack was

Dee Dee Nottingham Ward '66 of San Diego keeps getting email invitations to Mary Washington lunches in Fredericksburg. One day she may surprise everyone and show up!

in Vietnam. They were inspired by **Betsy Lydle Smith '63** and husband Pete of Seattle, who also moved out of their family home to a condo and then to an island.

Nancy O'Neal Robinson took a steamboat from Memphis to New Orleans on the Mississippi River. The food and music were great. They headed across the Southeast to visit relatives and saw Jerry and **Ann Tench Huml** and **Asandra McGregor Craig** and her husband. They topped off the trip with a marvelous visit to the UMW campus.

Marilyn Atkinson Kovach is a personal chef but finds time to play tennis. Although she's not directly involved in the business anymore, she and her family have had a tropical plant nursery in Encinitas, Calif., since the 1980s, and a ranch in Hilo, Hawaii, where they grow palms. Her daughter and family were visiting from France (where they have lived for 10 years), and then they were all off to Hawaii.

Diana Copple Smith still teaches ESL at the Forsyth Tech Community College and lives

Carol Bingley Wiley '66 is opening a gallery at her home to add to the exposure she enjoys with two other galleries.

in Kernersville, N.C. She goes to Richmond to see her dad, who is 98, and to Wilmington, N.C., to visit her daughter, husband, and 4-year-old grandson. Last fall Diana visited **Lillian Ann Dix Smith** in Warsaw, Va., and saw **Faith Moss Prescott '61** at a rehab center in Kilmarnock. They remembered working together in the dining hall at MWC and attending BSU together.

Life is so precious and so are old friends. Keep us updated on your addresses and phone numbers. Remember, Jane has a three-hour

time difference from Virginia. Try to get us news well before the due dates. God bless all!

1963

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If you missed our 50th reunion, you missed a wonderful weekend. Over the three days of reunion we had more than 50 classmates

present. I (Linkey) have to say, we all look wonderful for 70-year-olds. I have put up a class share site on Shutterfly, where we can post pictures from the reunion or future get-togethers of classmates. If you were not there and would like to be included, please send me your email address. We also have a *Mary Washington Class of 1963* Facebook site. On behalf of our class, I want to thank **Suellen Grant Knowles** and **Susan Ramey Robertson** for co-chairing our class reunion committee. Both worked countless hours along with the Alumni Office personnel to make our 50th a memorable event.

Barbara Duke Jones wonders what classmates have done in their lives with their UMW degrees. She was an art major and still has a studio and is involved in the art world. So, if you think you don't

have any news for Betsy or me, tell us a bit about what you have done with your degree.

We have quite a long list of "lost" classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, please let the Alumni Office or me know. A few selected randomly from the list are: **Suzanne Blaisdell**, **Diana Flomp Bryant**, **Dolores Comandatore**, **Judy Duval Davis**, and **Carolyn Grantham**.

I (Betsy) loved our reunion and was so impressed with the fabulous organization, classes, and activities planned by our class reunion committee and UMW staff. I especially enjoyed the class dinner on Thursday at Gari Melchers' beautiful historic Belmont home and art studio. What an elegant and fun cocktail party and dinner. Thanks to **Diane Lovewell Melton**, whose professional expertise as an event planner shone through.

President Hurley was just as nice in person as he seems in the articles written about him. The cocktail party at Brompton demonstrated his and Mrs. Hurley's hospitality and friendliness, and their beautiful home. Dr. William B. Crawley Jr. had us all in stitches as he spoke of our time at Mary Washington at our class dinner Friday night.

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The reunion committee honored our 52 classmates who have died with a memorial at our class meeting, beginning and ending with a prayer, and reading each woman's name aloud. A chime was rung after each name was read. I discovered last year that my MWC roommate of three years, **Mary "Jo" Dreher**, had died two years before. Jo and her husband, Ralph Gibson, and family lived in Northern Virginia.

Also at the class meeting, it was decided a committee would research giving a class gift to UMW. This needs to be with separate monies from our regular contributions to UMW. If you have ideas of how this could be done or a specific gift you would like to see given, please contact **Karen Vandevanter Morrison** at mms02891@gmail.com.

I loved hearing stories from **Suellen Grant Knowles** about her adventures at Mary Washington with roommate **Jackie Dahloff Bumgardner** of going to Austria and driving to Mexico during spring break. How many others remember those wild spring break trips to Florida or Mexico? Jackie is in Bridgeport, Calif., where she raises and rides horses in endurance races.

I wish I could write about everyone who came to the reunion. If I missed you, please write your news for the next issue. Suitemates **Eileen Hildebrand Andrews** of Florida, **Ginger Logie Carr** of Maine, and **Carol Van Ness Clapp** of Florida, and their husbands had a great time catching up. It was fun to see three other Betsys: **Betsy Loving Robbins**, **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz**, and **Betsy Evans Manchester**! Many of us agreed that we were glad we attended Mary Washington in the era we did; we reminisced about the honor code, dates in the parlor, wearing our PJs under trench coats to early morning classes, waitressing at Seacobeck, and being grateful for small classes taught by interesting professors.

Lois Smith McDaniel, a wonderful photographer, took many photos now on the Shutterfly site. **Kitty Shannon** had us laughing at her self-deprecating, witty

remarks about her "boring" life in Richmond. **Susan Rutan Joehnk** came from La Jolla, Calif., and **Bev Sangston** has retired and lives in Florida. **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel** was as enthusiastic and energetic as I remembered her. **Barbara Bold Ducker** and her husband enjoyed the weekend festivities, as did **Barbara Moore Wheeler** and **Karen Gustafson**.

Congratulations to **Sally Abbott Pomputius '62**, who received the Mary Washington Distinguished Alumna Award! **Janice Coleman** honored her friend, **Wendy Shadwell**, by describing the significant gift Wendy designated in her will to Mary Washington.

Tom and Becky Ryan Dunkenberger celebrated their 50th anniversary around the time of our

Susan Roth Nurin '66 is a Metropolitan Opera volunteer, which involves sitting with student groups during performances and seeing every opera for free.

reunion in North Carolina at their son's home, and **Judy Ross** and her husband joined them.

This summer Pete and I moved to Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, and we love island life. Our friends Len and **Beth Davitt Eisenhower '67** plan to move to Bainbridge soon. **Karen Vandevanter Morrison** lives on neighboring Whidbey Island, Wash., and we planned to have lunch soon.

Please take the time to share what you've done with your degree from Mary Washington for our next *Class Notes* column. I majored in English and have always been grateful for the numerous books I read and for learning how to think critically. I also got my teaching certificate "to fall back on in case I didn't get married right away" – which I didn't! Teaching has been my lifelong passion, as a young secondary school teacher in San

Diego, Germany, and New York, and as a teacher and facilitator now working with adults and educators in a character education program.

Linkey and Betsy have agreed to share the class agent duties, so feel free to contact one of us at any time with your news. Let's make sure the Class of 1963 has lots of news in our next newsletter. Please try to get your news to us a couple of weeks before the deadline. Many thanks to **Anne Radway** for her years of service as class agent.

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It is always a pleasure to hear from you. I received a recent email and assume you did too, that next year's Reunion Weekend – our 50th! – will be May 30 through June 1. Save the date!

Priscilla Weatherby Ryan and Ed

moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland after raising their family in the D.C. area. They love their new home, as it is close to the water and not too far from their daughter and her husband and growing family. They live in Grasonville, Md., near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Nancy Booth was awarded the title of professor at Hudson County Community College in New Jersey. She received her Ph.D. in 2009. Congratulations, Nancy!

After 40-some years teaching college English and humanities, **Yvonne J. Milspaw '67** plans to retire in a few years to loaf and read.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to **Barbara Ioanes**, whose mother, Betty, passed away in June at age 96.

Patti Jones Schacht's family planned to visit Northern Ireland in August "to walk the land of the

ancestors," who came from County Down in 1853. Patti has a majestic bald eagle, a male red fox, and deer on their property. Patti has been recovering from shingles, and she and I urge classmates to speak to their internists about getting the shingles vaccine. It protects for life.

Barbara Kellam Latham and husband Roger moved in January to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, to Cape Charles, where Barbara grew up. Their older daughter had gone to Cape Charles to visit her grandmother and liked it so much she stayed there, so Barbara and Roger decided to move back to family as well. Unfortunately, soon after the move, Barbara's mother died at age 94. As Barbara writes, "She had had a good, long run." Our sympathy to you and the whole family, Barbara. Their younger daughter, **Sara Latham '92**, lives in London.

Sally Crenshaw Witt stays busy with her fabulous garden and with her and Sam's 1-year-old grandson, Henry. She said **Sue Parker Burton**'s new grandson is her eighth, and **Barbara Humphries Davenport**'s new granddaughter is her eighth! Are there any others of us with eight or more grandchildren?

Beverley Jackson Johnston and husband Jim arrived in Wildwood, N.J., from their home in Texas in the spring. They were thankful that Hurricane Sandy spared their New Jersey home from major damage. Beverley and Jim's daughter, Anna, and husband Dale gave them their first grandchild last October. The baby is, as Barbara writes, "the love of our lives, of course!" Beverley is an involved and enthusiastic photographer.

Chris Scheuring Kapfer lives near Myrtle Beach, S.C., and has seven grandchildren. They were saddened by the loss of their oldest granddaughter, who passed away at age 20 in January of an illness. Another granddaughter was to begin college. One of Chris' daughters raises alpacas on her Idaho ranch. An injured goose befriended Chris' dog, a husky mix, even following them on walks.

As I (**Vicky Taylor Allen**) write this, I have plans to go to France to

again guide a group of teachers and staff on a pilgrimage to the various places in Joigny, Burgundy, and Paris, where our worldwide Convent of the Sacred Heart schools were founded in 1800. I have worked for 27 years in the schools, first in New York City and now in Greenwich, Conn. Much to my astonishment, **Ruth Pharr Sayre's** grandchild attends our NYC school on East 91st Street. In other news, thankfully, my home was undamaged in Sandy.

Keep in touch. By the time you read this, summer will be long over, but our activities may make you think back on summer days. Give some thought to our big 50th reunion year.

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Not much news this cycle. Please send your updated addresses to the email address above so you can be included.

I still enjoy tennis and traveling to see my kids and grandchildren in California. My son was to go to Germany with his family in December to teach at the NATO Weapons School in Oberammergau, so I will spend time in Europe as well as California the next few years.

Margaret Cobourn John saw Bill and **Trudy Kitchin Kohl** in June. Trudy and Bill have moved from their son's home near Raleigh, N.C., to an apartment closer to her rehab place. For someone who was told she would probably never walk again, Trudy has proven the Baltimore doctors wrong. Going to rehab five days a week, four hours a day, with unbelievable determination, she can walk several steps with a walker.

While in Virginia, Meg and her husband saw **Barbara Hagemann Hester** and hubby Ben, then headed to the Outer Banks to spend time with family. **Phyllis Rodrigues'** daughter in California had a second son this year. They visited Phyllis in Massachusetts in July. Phyllis is winning the bionic award for

our class after having had four joint replacements; she needs both shoulders replaced! **Ann Moser Garner** retired in June after 32 years as secretary at King William High School. She plans to spend more time with her grandchildren, ages 9, 7, and 3, in Alabama; volunteer at Memorial Regional Hospital; and travel. She is also a support volunteer for Cancer Hope Network and the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation.

Louise Stevens
Robbins lost her sister, **Donna Stevens Boyd '62**, in October. She traveled to

China in July to help conduct a workshop for the Evergreen Education Foundation and planned to visit Virginia in late summer or early fall. **Penny Partridge Booth** spent the spring helping her sister, Pam, who has had serious medical issues. Penny also played soccer grandma for a few weeks after daughter Lisa lost her nanny. In August, Penny went to Canada with friends and planned a European river cruise in the spring with her sister.

Jill Robinson Burkert '68 flies a lot. She trains special ed teachers, many in remote native villages, for University of Alaska, Southeast.

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Barbara Bishop Mann and **Jana Privette Usry** attended a UMW networking reception at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Bobbi spoke to UMW President Richard V. Hurley's wife, Rose, who mentioned seeing **Dee Dee Nottingham Ward** at a similar reception in San Diego. In April, Bobbi arranged a meeting of the Mary Washington Lunch Bunch at La Petite Auberge in Fredericksburg. Bobbi, **Jana, Joan Cuccias Patton, Anne Kales Lindblom, Sheila Denny Young,**

Ann Meade Clagett, Diane Twigg Woodworth, Pat Lewars Pace, Ann Enders Hughes, Lois Rucker Scott, and Kathleen Goddard Moss attended.

Dee Dee Nottingham Ward enjoyed the reception with the Hurleys in San Diego, where she lives. She keeps getting emails from Bobbi regarding Mary Washington

In a golf tournament, **Susan Blosser Wight '68** got to the fifth hole to find a Lexus parked by the tee. She hit a hole-in-one and won the car!

lunches in Fredericksburg and vows that one day she may surprise everyone and show up!

In June, **Nancy Shackelford Jones** and Jeff attended a reception at the Virginia Governor's Mansion in honor of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. They also attended a dedication service at Werowocomoco on the James River in Gloucester, Va., the capital of the Powhatan chiefdom, which had 30 tribes and encompassed much of coastal Virginia.

On Feb. 15, **Sally Souder** represented the UMW Alumni Association at the Sarasota, Fla., inauguration of the president of New College, **Donal O'Shea**, formerly of Boston College. In April, Sally and **Gerry Sargent Habas** met in St. Petersburg, Fla., for their annual mutual birthday lunch. In May, Sally traveled through Alaska and saw Denali and wild animals but only saw fresh grizzly bear tracks, no grizzly bear. She passed through Wasilla, saw Sarah Palin's house, and marveled at the wide variety of Palin souvenirs available there, some very amusing.

Linda Spangler Berkheimer sent a lovely photo of herself with **Mary Parsons Black** and **Annette Maddra Horner** on the balcony at Linda's condo in the Outer Banks, N.C. The tradition of Linda's family beach vacation began when she was

very young and has transitioned over the years to include kids, grandkids, and friends. Mary and Annette live nearby in Elizabeth City, N.C., have become regulars at the "Spangler retreat," and enjoy leisurely mini-reunions.

Katharine Rogers Lavery was finishing her third year on the vestry of historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Centreville, Va. She still plays cornet regularly in the worship services and honored a request of one small parishioner to teach her how to play the trumpet. Katharine and Hank remain active in two senior bowling leagues and the

Pentagon Sailing Club year-round, but Katharine's favorite pastime is tutoring high school math, mainly to grandkids. The whole Lavery clan gathered at South Nags Head, N.C., for their annual beach vacation. Son Stephen took his boat out into the Gulf Stream about 40 miles away from Oregon Inlet and caught a 233-pound tuna!

Joan Cuccias Patton celebrated her June birthday playing golf and made a personal best score. In July, Joan convened with her family in their favorite beach spot in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and they all continued celebrating.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner recovered from her Segway accident and resumed playing golf. She and Charlie spend several winter weeks each year in Naples, Fla., where they have happily hosted friends, including Phil and Linda Spangler Berkheimer. Mary Kathryn, a longtime member of Nellie's Needlers, is a waitress in March at the Woodlawn needlework exhibit in Alexandria, Va.

Carol Bingley Wiley planned to open a gallery at her home in Maine to add to the exposure she enjoys with two other galleries on an ongoing basis. She did small still-life paintings while she and husband Peter were visiting **Pam Hughes Ward** and husband Jim. Carol helped her father move into Goodwin House, an assisted living facility in Northern Virginia, where he enjoys the view of the Washington Monument from his window. Carol stayed with



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Pam Kearney Patrick and TaB in Irvington, Va., where they were preparing for TaB's retirement. Pam is also a recognized watercolor artist whose miniature paintings are outstanding. Carol also visited **Sandy Pearson D'Acunto** in Reston, Va.

Winnie Woodson Stribling traveled home to Richmond for her 50th high school reunion in October 2012 and shared some of the festivities with **Eleanor McJilton Thompson**. Winnie and Brad celebrated daughter Sarah's graduation from Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union, in Berkeley, Calif., where she received a master of arts degree. Winnie and Brad are active in their church and were excited about touring next year with their choir in London, Paris, and Rome, performing in various venues, including the Sistine Chapel.

Catherine Cantwell Luria spent a week in June at Lady of the Lake Dance Camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, including two sessions of English dance each day. On some evenings, the group enjoyed country dancing as well. Cathe is "getting brave in her retirement" and had seriously practiced her voice so that, at the festive dinner and closing activity of her camp, she was able to sing *A Simple Song* from the Bernstein Mass, performed with flute and piano accompaniment.

Yvonne March traveled in Spain, from Granada to Bilbao, and to Tangier in Morocco. She admires the Muslim/Jewish era of Spain, particularly the famous architecture and jewelry. Yvonne stopped in D.C. in June to join her family as they feted her brother for his 70th birthday. Four years ago Yvonne

moved from Hollywood, Fla., to Tampa with her significant other, Chris, and she has been renting out her Hollywood apartment. Yvonne spent quality summer time with her grandson.

Kathleen Goddard Moss and husband Tom traveled to Spain and California in the spring to visit kids and grandkids. Their newest grandson, Charlie Moss, was born in California in February. Kathy and Tom still work part time and spend most of their time close to home. This summer they celebrated their 47th anniversary and posted Facebook photos of a warm family gathering.

Eileen Perna Thomason and husband Phil attended the June outdoor wedding of their older son, a chef and restaurant owner. It was a Virginia country wedding on a family farm on the Eastern Shore, using as many Virginia products as possible: wines from Chatham Vineyards, Suffolk peanuts, honey, Smithfield ham, produce from the Shore, Spring Lakes bottled water. The happy couple departed for a grand honeymoon in Scotland and Morocco, and Eileen and "Dr. Phil" turned to recovering after all the festivities and joyous parental duties.

Susan Roth Nurin still lives the dream in NYC, in a small apartment facing Central Park, and posts on Facebook many of her daily adventures. She attends as many ballets, operas, and symphonies as possible and personally talks with the major stars (Mikhail Baryshnikov and Placido Domingo, for example). She is a Metropolitan Opera volunteer, which involves sitting with student groups during performances, allowing her to see every opera for free!

Genie McClellan Hobson sent news about her roommate, **Sheryl Gates Brindle '67**, and husband Paul, who live in an RV, are traveling the United States, and visited Genie and Don in Newark, Del., for a couple of weeks this spring. There was lots of conversation and reminiscences of the good

old MWC days. For several years, Sheri and Paul lived on a boat, traveled, and hosted their friends at various ports. Genie and Don are not so adventuresome but have enjoyed the visits! Their daughter's family lives a few miles south of Newark, and their son's family lives a few miles north, making it easy to see the grandchildren. Genie heads the Neurogenetics Research Laboratory at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. They specialize in research on the genetic disease Pelizaeus-Merzbacher (PMD), for which they have developed several models and are working on potential treatments. Genie got a late start on research after teaching school, staying home with her children for nine years, and then getting a Ph.D. at the

and read. And Yvonne will want to knit cool scarves and sweaters. She continues to facilitate a book discussion group that has been together for almost 25 years. Their children are grown, educated, and on their own. They have yet to produce grandchildren but have provided Yvonne and Douglas with two grandcats and access to a small sailboat. Yvonne is senior professor of English and humanities at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Sheryl Gates Brindle was just north of Zion National Park in southwestern Utah, camping in their fifth wheel trailer, which is their home now. They left Florida in April and were making their way to San Diego, where their older son and his family live. Before heading west, they went up the East Coast as far as Pennsylvania, and stopped in the Newark, Del., area to visit **Genie "Grace" MacClellan Hobson** and husband Don. (Genie, Sheryl's junior year roommate, started with our class but finished in three years with the Class of '66.) Their younger son and his family were in Germany but expected to return within nine months and relocate to the desert southwest or California.

Nancy McDonald Legat is retired in Lexington, S.C., and does a little traveling with husband Dan. Their three daughters and sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, and great-grandson live close by. Nancy does a little writing and was learning to garden.

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What an amazing reunion weekend! Tiaras were out in force at the lovely class get-together on Friday night; the lawn picnic under the tent on Saturday; the dinner and dancing (lots of dancing!) Saturday night; and the Sunday brunch. With classes, tours, campus walks, dorm visits, bookstore shopping, and most of all, catching up with classmates and talking, talking, talking, it was a special time for those who attended.

After retiring, **Nina Shepherd '69** accepted work with the U.S. Treasury Department in Romania, with several assignments for the USAID in Jordan.

University of Delaware. Don has been retired from AstraZeneca for 13 years but is fully occupied as chairman of the board for the PMD Foundation and with volunteer jobs.

Robbie James East celebrated the 100th birthday of her mother, Geraldine East, with a huge party. Robbie's siblings and more than 100 guests attended. Robbie and husband Dennis have decided to downsize from the farm in Loudoun County to their small home in Southport, N.C. Meanwhile, Robbie is her mother's part-time caregiver and attends their 8- and 9-year-old grandsons' baseball games.

1967

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Yvonne J. Milspaw is almost ready to retire from 40-some years teaching college English and humanities. She plans to teach part time for the next three years, and then go on to full-scale retirement with husband Douglas Evans. They both travel a lot, so for retirement, she thinks they might just loaf

Curiosity Becomes Filmmaker



Documentary filmmaker Emre Izat has worked on productions about everything from carnivorous reptiles to crystal meth. Now an executive producer with Off the Fence productions in Amsterdam, Izat said he practically “lived in the theater” at Mary Washington.

When people ask **Emre Izat '99** what he does as an executive producer, he replies: “I’m curious for a living.” To satisfy that trait, Izat has filmed on six continents, explored uncharted limestone gorges in Mozambique, and shouldered crocodiles Down Under as a documentary filmmaker.

University of Mary Washington nurtured Izat’s inquisitive nature. After high school in Alexandria, Va., he selected Mary Washington because it allowed him to build his own curriculum and pursue the dramatic arts without sacrificing his love of literature and physics. And UMW’s black box theater appealed to him because he could get onstage right away.

In fact, Izat said, he “kind of lived in the theater” at Mary Washington – there’s a police brief in *The Bullet* archives to prove it. One night, he was rehearsing on the Klein Theatre main stage while directing a show in the black box theater. A professor had asked him to speak to a drama class the next morning, so when Izat found himself still working at 2 a.m., he decided to crash in the theater. Campus police awoke Izat and escorted him out. The headline, he

imagined: “Student kicked out of Klein for being too big of a nerd.”

Izat’s dedication and passion for his work continues. “I love my job so much that when we are not doing it, I do it for free,” he said. When his girlfriend, also a producer, recently found herself short a cameraman, Izat spent his vacation behind the lens in Italy.

In 1999, the theater graduate moved to New York City to work in the business. Then 9/11 happened; Izat was eyewitness to the attacks on the World Trade Center. He returned to Fredericksburg to regroup – he played in a band, worked a day job, and performed onstage. Then, one day a friend called from National Geographic in Washington, D.C., about a job opportunity. On a lark, Izat went for an interview, got a job as a “glorified secretary,” and worked his way up to film production.

Soon, he was on a Nat-Geo team in Australia lugging a drugged 15-foot crocodile – its snout wound tight with duct tape – and shooting underwater scenes of the carnivorous reptiles. Since then, Izat has written, shot, and directed films on diverse

topics such as obesity, the crystal meth trade, and the process of manufacturing Legos.

These days, Izat lives in Amsterdam, where he works for Off the Fence productions. Most recently the company sent him to Mozambique’s Gorongosa National Park for a six-part PBS series, tracking scientists searching for new species in the park’s limestone gorges.

For one episode, scientists and philanthropist Greg Carr, the American entrepreneur who financed the restoration of the war-ravaged park, rappelled down into a 500-foot gorge. Izat used his modest climbing experience to help them – he rigged Carr’s harness and manned his safety line. That’s when Izat realized, “I’ve got this billionaire – the whole reason this park exists – in my hands.”

Carr survived and so did Izat’s career, one sure to continue a curious path.

— Jim Davis



If you weren't there this time, don't miss the next one; we are already planning for a smashing 50th!

The Class of 1968 swept the Race for the Eagle awards, winning all three! We were honored for having the largest class gift and the largest number of classmates participating.

Pam Tompkins

Huggins emailed:

"As some of you already know, Queen Pam ended up being a no-show at the reunion because I was needed at home to help my sweet hubby, Jim, who was recovering from surgery and other miscellaneous bizarre medical events. **Sally Monroe Kelly** exploited my absence by reclaiming her title, but we will straighten that out at the 50th!" Pam lives in Staunton, Va., and volunteers for nonprofits and favorite causes. She has a new grandson and son-in-law, and they took their annual beach trip to Hatteras.

Sally Monroe Kelly (who proved while dancing with President Hurley that she can still do a mean "bump") and husband Pete of California celebrated their 25th anniversary. Six of their eight kids are married, five have children, and they expected their 11th grandbaby in October.

Kris Krstulich Hoyer loved the reunion, seeing members of the Class of '68, and wearing her tiara all weekend! She said it was interesting visiting Virginia Hall and that the campus looked amazing, but she felt completely lost with all the new buildings. Did we really make it to 8 a.m. classes, walking from Marshall to duPont?

Dale Saunders Kalkofen retired from Chesterfield County, Va., in 2011 after 44 years in public school education. She is pursuing her original interest in art, mostly drawing and painting.

Mel Wittig Neale is an artist in the Northern Neck of Virginia, where she exhibits regularly. She also exhibits in Florida and recently won best in show for one of her watercolors at the juried St. Augustine Spring Membership Show.

Merrilyn Sawyer Dodson retired in September 2012 and enjoys grandchildren Dex, 8, and Taylor, 6, who live in Richmond.

Donna Harrison Life retired from the Bowling Green, Ky., public library. She has two daughters and two grandsons, so she spends a lot of time traveling between Louisville and Lexington!

Ph.D. chemist **Beverly Alexander Lawson '70** was named an endowed distinguished teacher – a recognition of her life-changing work with Texas students.

Susan Morris and her husband, Don Wolford, live in Barrington, Ill., in the Chicago suburbs. She is semiretired from educational consulting and enjoys two granddaughters after raising three sons. Susan wrote: "My latest breaking news is the arrival of my second granddaughter, Ivy Sloane Leflar, on Thursday, July 11. This date is the birthday of my maternal grandmother, my first cousin, and my youngest son, making Ivy our fourth generation born on 7/11."

Angela Cummings Petro and husband Ray celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They have two children and two granddaughters and recently moved from Fairfax County to Williamsburg.

Rhoda "Dodo" Fisher Roberts still works full time for UBS in Stamford, Conn., but took a new role this year as manager for graduate trainees, interns, and diversity in the Americas. Last year she traveled to Switzerland, Scotland, and England. This spring she visited the homes of the first four Virginia presidents – Montpelier, Ash Lawn, Monticello, and Mount Vernon.

Anne Tooke, a retired psychotherapist, and husband Brooks travel extensively. **Judy Henley Beck** finished a two-year term as president of her local

woman's club and cares for her mother. She and Gary celebrated their 45th anniversary and have two children and three grandchildren.

Last fall **Susan Blosser Wight** played in a golf tournament in Virginia Beach. When she got to the fifth hole, there was a brown Lexus hybrid parked by the tee. Susan hit a hole-in-one and won the Lexus – talk about exciting! She was elected to the board of directors of the Garden Club of Virginia and is an avid golfer, flower arranger, and bridge player

just 10 points away from her Life Masters. Her husband of 45 years is a golf rules official. They go to lots of golf tournaments and were heading to the U.S. Open right after the reunion.

Jill Robinson Burkert lives in Juneau and works for the University of Alaska, Southeast. She teaches special education teachers, most located in remote native villages, so part of her job requires her to fly out to visit. Jill wrote, "I never thought of this job as an option and would never have thought about Alaska as an option, but it has been an adventure. The state is huge

Lisa Barker '71 is senior counsel in the Hanover County (Virginia) Attorney's Office.

and incredible." Jill's family is a bit fragmented, but her son, daughter, and grandson are healthy and happy.

Lynn Belcher Fox was sorry to miss the reunion. Her youngest child completed her master's degree in cultural arts management, and they were at the ceremony. Lynn was in Minnesota for the summer, enjoying Gull Lake, grandchildren, and three of her four children.

Morgan Golladay and her husband and cats live in Ocean View, Del. She volunteers at the library, sketches in pen and ink,

creates acrylic collages on canvas at her studio, and shows her paintings at the Mispillion Art League in Milford and at the Rehoboth Art League.

Jean Eley Thompson and husband Jim are in good health and drove to Fort Lauderdale for their son's graduation as a physician assistant from Nova Southeastern University. Her son and his wife planned to move back home to live. Jean was sorry to miss the reunion but promises to make the 50th, "the good Lord willing!"

My husband, Ash, retired in June, and we planned to move back to our home in La Quinta, Calif., which was rented out for four years while we both worked in the Northern California Bay Area. I plan to continue working for WestEd, an education service agency based in San Francisco, telecommuting from a home office. We planned a family reunion in September at our niece's wedding in Austin, which will include a visit from son Todd and his family from Melbourne, Australia. Both our kids and their spouses are well, and we grab any time we can with Denver grandkids Maddy, 15, and Spencer, 11, and Aussie kids Maya, 5, and Flynn, 3, with lots of Skyping! The weekend before the reunion I had brunch with **Cindy Long** in NYC. She couldn't attend the reunion due to conflicts with her job as lead

attorney for a major bank in New Jersey. We had fun catching up, and I missed dancing with her at the reunion!

Christie Wineholt '69

had a great time at the reunion and wrote that the fabulous Class of '68 set the bar high, cast down the gauntlet for '69 for achievement, had their tiaras on all weekend, and had not changed a bit. "As a tag-along (Deb, Mel, and Dodo were my roomies my junior year), I have had a wonderful time!"

OK, ladies, now you see what it's like to have class news in the magazine. Let's try to keep this going!

1969

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Once again **Patti Boise Kemp** has made us proud that she is a member of our class. President of the UMW Alumni Association, she was keynote speaker at the Ring Ceremony for the Class of 2014 last March. Patti reached out to members of our class for remembrances of our Junior Ring Ceremony, the Ring Dance, and festivities surrounding those events. She used many in her speech, which is posted on our Facebook page. I encourage you to read it, as it will bring back many memories from 45 years ago.

Barbara Crickenberger Hall retired after working 43 years full time, 33 in development. She expects to continue working in the field but in a more limited way. She and husband Bob planned to split time between their home in D.C. and Lewes, Del., where they have bought a charming 1850 "money pit."

Bonnie Page Hoopengardner retired after 23 years as a CPA at Dixon Hughes Goodman and was getting her golf game back. She and husband Roger babysit their grandchildren, which she said is the nicest part of retirement. Bonnie and Roger looked forward to a family beach trip.

After having retired from the Congressional Budget Office, **Nina Shepherd** and husband Max moved to South Carolina for several years. Nina then took an offer from the U.S. Treasury Department to work in Bucharest, Romania, with several short-term assignments for the USAID in Amman, Jordan. It was formidable to take up a new line of work in a strange country after not working at all for several years, Nina said, but she and Max saw the world and met wonderful people. She is retired again and lives in South Carolina.

Claudia Stell Hawks taught with **Kay Barnes Goldberg** at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy,

and they still get together. In July, Claudia's family, including three children and three grandchildren, gathered in Bermuda. Her children live in Washington state, Minneapolis, and Connecticut.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick of Greenville, N.C., was in D.C. for a

Nancy Belden Russonello '71 co-owns a public opinion polling firm that works with progressive nonprofits on everything from civil liberties to environment issues.

DAR convention and got together with roomie **Jeanine Zavrel Fearn**s of Fairfax, Va. Jeanine looked forward to her summer "retreat from reality" trip to the Outer Banks.

Iris Harrell spent her first summer off in 40 years on an extended visit to Italy and France with her partner, Ann. They hiked in the Alps, biked from San Escondido, Italy, to Lienz, Austria, and toured southern France. Today, Iris' company, Harrell Remodeling, is 37 percent employee-owned; in four years, Iris plans to retire and turn the reins over to her employees, who should by then own 100 percent.

After a year of retirement, **Betty Wade Miles Perry** went on a pilgrimage to Guatemala in July with 21 others from across the country to build a library in a remote village. She and husband Boyd live in Virginia Beach, as does daughter **Ellen Perry '00** and her husband and 2-year-old daughter. Daughter **Suzanne Perry Wallis '03** has two little boys and lives in Richmond, so Betty Wade and Boyd are able to be part of all their grandchildren's lives.

Ruth Ann Sichol Myers of Scottsdale, Ariz., has taught preschool for several years and would like news of **Ellen McGhee Jumper**, **Susie Turner Johnson**, or **Frances Smith Armstrong**.

Phyllis Newby Thompson of Atherton, Calif., has a home in Hawaii. She spent three weeks in NYC last spring visiting her daughter and helping her move. She also spent a week in South Boston, Va., in July visiting friends and family.

Lyn Howell Gray and husband Jim live in Liberia. On a visit home, they got together with senior roomie **Donna Cannon Julian**. Lyn hopes to be back for our 45th reunion next year.

Please make an effort to attend our reunion May 30 to June 1, 2014. It is always fun to visit and reminisce with classmates about our time at MWC. Hope to see you then!

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Please note my new email address above. Ted and I sold our North Carolina home and moved to a 55+ community in Canton, Ga., in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, north of Atlanta. We're renting in the community while our home is built and hope to move in before the end of the year.

After 12 years, **Tina Kormanski Krause** retired in June as the lower school librarian at The Potomac

Pamela J. White '74 received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Washington and Lee University.

School in McLean, Va. She called it "the best job in the world," but she's excited to begin the next chapter in her life. Youngest daughter Megan married John in spring. Older daughter Lindsay, husband Wade, and their children live in Richmond.

We offer condolences to **Ellen Grace Jaroczyk**, who lost her mother in February. **Catherine**

Alexander Alspaugh '73, a teacher, wrote that her sister, **Beverly Alexander Lawson**, was named an endowed distinguished teacher, which is a \$1.5 million gift for budget relief and to recruit or recognize exemplary teachers for their life-changing work with students. The gift endows an individual's position, and the head of the school appoints the distinguished teacher to a renewable one-year term. Bev has a Ph.D. in chemistry, teaches at Hockaday School in Dallas, and was previously named one of Texas' top teachers.

1971

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I apologize that it's been awhile since the Class of '71 had a column. I officially retired from the government at the end of January after more than 40 years of military and civilian service. It's been an interesting transition and I'm still finding my way, but I've been finishing a second master's degree and teaching a pre-GED class for the literary council in York, Pa. Ralph and I took a 30-day cruise in April to Hawaii and the South Pacific. I hadn't been to Hawaii since '97, and Ralph had never been. It was fun to cross the equator on the ship and see the Southern Cross at night. Our ship set sail from San Diego, so it was a great reason to visit **Liz Keith**, who retired last year as a professor at San Diego State. She has lived in California longer than in her home state of Virginia.

Lisa Barker of Richmond recovered from foot surgery earlier this year. After 33 years in the Hanover County Attorney's Office, lately as deputy county attorney, Lisa is senior counsel. During her tenure, she's represented and advised officials, agencies, and departments, including the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission.

Susan Lohin, director of alumnae connections at Wellesley College, and **Wendy Dickenson Smith** stay in close contact and celebrated birthdays last year at the Canyon Ranch in western Massachusetts.



Bryn Irving Roth shared stories of her mother's trips to Fredericksburg while attending the College of William and Mary. The W&M girls were headed to the Naval Academy but stayed overnight at MWC after a train ride. I hope some of these adventures have been captured, even from women who didn't attend but visited frequently.

Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright and Rich spend days and nights on their boat, exploring the Chesapeake Bay. Daughter Elisabeth holds an MBA from U.Va.'s Darden School. Daughter Katie is engaged and in her second year at Darden.

Betty Hume works at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. Daughter Robin married in May and lives in Wilmington, N.C. Daughter Janet is still in Fredericksburg. **Robert "Randy" Hume '75** remembers taking a home economics course in the basement of Chandler, giving him the dubious honor of being the only male to take such a course. Some of us, like **Mary Mann** and me, remember Ruby Harris and her home economics courses.

The UMW Foundation Board of Directors is in good hands since **Diana "Diney" Rupert Livingston** joined. She recently retired from QVC as the general manager of the Port St. Lucie contact center and moved to Richmond.

Kathy "Ernie" Marilla Kent and husband are settled in Eastport, Md., after finding a great location almost by accident last year and selling their Alexandria, Va., place. They are just a block from the water and closer to the beach and, of course, grandkids.

Nancy Belden Russonello and husband John still own a Washington, D.C., public opinion polling firm, working with progressive nonprofits and foundations on everything from civil liberties to environment issues. Son Giovanni runs Capitalbop.com about the D.C. jazz scene. The Russonellos also own a home in Umbria, Italy.

Mary Weaver Mann still works at her local library. Her mom is 103½ and loves bingo. Son Zephyr graduated from college and lives in Santa Monica.

My fellow German major **Sylvia Schwab** reconnected with **Freda Jo Lodge**, since both now live in Florida. Sylvia retired from the Pentagon in 2011, and Freda retired this year after many years as a civilian with the Marine Corps.

While I was still on active service for DOD and commuting to Fort Meade, Md., I visited **Laurie McIntosh**, who was teaching writing courses there, and at JSOC and JWAC, including at the new state-of-the-art Dahlgren facility, where UMW set up its third campus. Laurie's business is in Port Tobacco, and she travels all over to teach courses for federal agencies, from the DHS to the U.S. Forest Service.

Beth Fleming Skidmore hopes to retire from teaching next year so she and Alex can travel. Son Alex plans to finish medical school in spring 2014, and Chas lives and works in South Carolina. On a sad note, Beth said her sister Kathy's husband of 30 years passed away last November. His interment was

Barbara Baylis Hinton '76's husband went to Afghanistan as a contractor, and their elder daughter was deployed to Kandahar.

not until June at Arlington National Cemetery, and Beth said the ceremony, there among our national heroes, was moving.

Sadly, **Doris Lee Hancock's** husband, Robert, who had been ill several years, passed away in July from leukemia. It was a comfort for Doris that several classmates were at the funeral. Many of us remember Robert from our reunions. Doris and I worked the first reunions

as a team, putting together primitive class books that had to be done by typewriter, and Robert always helped. Our class sends condolences.

1972

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Lundy Baker Updike '76 saw son **Jim** receive a computer science degree from UMW in May and son **Tom** start classes in August. The family will claim alumni from '76, '13, and '17.

1973

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Turnout for our 40th class reunion was great; 31 classmates registered. At the class party, we gave "elevator speeches" about the highlights of our lives since MWC. **Jo Billings** joined us Friday but couldn't stay the weekend. Memorabilia filled our lunch tent on Saturday, when **Bambi Creighton Willis** joined us. With **Deb Reynolds Linder**, **Jeanne**

Coats Black, **Anne Bevans Cooper**, **Virginia Davey Addison**, **Joyce Hines Molina**, **Helen McKann**, and **Winnie Stalnaker Feldhaus**, the Class of '73 was well represented

on the dance floor Saturday night. Deb was our long-distance traveler, flying in from California. She was then off to London for the birth of her first grandchild.

Rod and I made our 16th Sentimental Journey to Lock Haven, Pa., in June, flying in our 1946 J3 Piper Cub. When weather moved in, we made an emergency landing at a private strip, were greeted by security, and learned we'd landed on the Paul Mellon estate, where we were until the weather lifted. Reunion weekend highlights were

walking the beautiful campus, taking the trolley to Carl's, and dancing with President Hurley.

Deb Reynolds Linder sent her "elevator speech." She met future husband Bruce, then a senior at the Naval Academy, in her sophomore year. Turns out, their dads were in the same air group onboard the USS Yorktown out of San Diego when Deb was in junior high.

She and Bruce married two days before Christmas in Deb's senior year, as Bruce was deploying to a ship in Yokosuka, Japan. Deb joined him after graduation, and they lived in Japan for more than two years. They moved every other year or so for 22 years, splitting time between San Diego and Alexandria, Va., with tours in Michigan, Hawaii, and Charleston, S.C., before ending up in San Diego. Deb balanced her jobs – as a math teacher, instructional computer aide, educational software company manager, and Qualcomm senior IT manager – around the moves. She played tennis, and was on a 2005 national championship team, until a torn meniscus sent her to golf. The Linders have two married daughters, one in London and one in Santa Clara, Calif. After retiring in 2004, Deb did Web development and was involved with her church and with a charity organization supporting women furthering their education.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. Continue sending me your "elevator speeches," highlighting your years since MWC.

1974

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Class of 1974, several of us are planning our 40th reunion, and we ask that you plan to meet us at UMW for the entire weekend. We would love to hear what you'd like to do at this very special gathering.

The Honorable **Pamela J. White** received an honorary doctor

of laws degree from Washington and Lee University. White has been a judge for the circuit court of Maryland for Baltimore City since 2007. Before that, she practiced law in Baltimore for three decades, dealing largely with cases of discrimination, harassment, benefit disputes, wrongful discharges, and equal-pay violations. A talented, tenacious attorney, she was the first woman named partner at Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver. At Washington and Lee University's School of Law, she earned a law degree, and was editor of *The Law News* and a member of the *Washington and Lee Law Review*.

Patti Goodall Strawderman said that, at our 35th reunion in Fredericksburg in 2009, the Jefferson 4th West gang decided to hold annual mini-reunions – and they've done it! **Jonette DeButts Hahn** hosted in Annapolis in 2010, and they met in Old Town Alexandria in 2011, Baltimore last year, and Boston in May. Many thanks to host **Karen Sunnarborg**, their tour guide extraordinaire. This year's group included Patti; **Peg Hubbard**; **Susan Tyler Maguigan**; **Susan McDonald Osborn '75**, Patti's third-year roommate; and honorary member **Deb Ryan Howard**, who actually lived on 3rd West. They took the Boston Duck Tour, ate at Legal Seafood, walked the Freedom Trail, and enjoyed one another's company. They look forward to our 40th next year and hope to get more of the Jefferson 4th West gang involved.

Jonette welcomed her second grandchild, son Bert's son, Alexander Aaron Hahn. Daughter Tory has 10-year-old son Michael Edward Byers. Susan Osborn and husband Paul welcomed granddaughter Quinn Osborn.

Jonette, Peg, and Patti gathered in Arlington, Va., for the April engagement party of Susan Maguigan's eldest daughter, Caitlin. The wedding was scheduled for December in Tennessee. Susan's daughter Megan graduated from Middle Tennessee State University and plans to teach fifth grade in Murfreesboro. Patti's daughter, Megan Strawderman, graduated from VCU, where she's taking graduate classes in environmental science. Peg Hubbard traveled

to Richmond to share in the Strawdermans' joy and, during the graduation ceremony, pulled a fourth-grade picture of Megan out of her wallet!

Sadly, Susan Maguigan's dad, Art, passed away in June after a long illness. Many of us have dealt with losing parents or issues surrounding aging family members. Time marches on, making us realize that we should grab the chance to reconnect with our past and our college friends with whom we share so many memories. We hope that you will seize the opportunity to join us next year in Fredericksburg and return to the scene of the crime, so to speak! It's a wonderful experience, trust us! See you there.

1975

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1976

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Yolande Long and husband Mike went on an Alaskan cruise and saw whales, seals, sea otters, and bald eagles. They stopped in Juneau,

Yolande's daughter, Elizabeth Fallen Brockwell, is a stay-at-home mom working hard at the best job ever!

Lundy Baker Updike's son, Jim Updike '13, received a computer science degree from UMW in May and is a junior Java developer in Sterling, Va. Third son **Tom Updike '17**, who is interested in music and engineering, started UMW this fall. The family will claim alumni from '76, '13, and '17!

Mary Anne Kennedy Kane '79 and family covered 100 miles rafting through the Grand Canyon, exploring waterfalls, and sleeping under the stars on the Colorado River.

Barbara Baylis Hinton's husband, Don, went as a contractor to FOB Sharana in Afghanistan for six months, and their older daughter, Lt. Laura Hinton, was deployed last winter to Kandahar. She hoped to return home in September but missed her sister's graduation from the University of South Carolina. Daughter Jacklyn Hinton is staying in Columbia, S.C., and contemplating graduate studies in genetics. After being a substitute teacher for 15 years, Barbara joined the "dark side" and works in a Fairfax elementary school front office. It seems strange to her to

go back to work as many of our contemporaries retire, but she hopes it will keep her young. Barbara reconnected last year with old roommate **Penny Beard Jones '77**.

Newby and Becky Adams Mauck welcomed second granddaughter Kaitlyn Virginia Mauck in April.

Beverly Downey McCraw and husband of 29 years Jon live in Spencer, N.C., near Charlotte. Daughter Sara Beth is a senior at Columbia International University and was to do a summer internship in Guatemala. Son Ethan graduated high school with honors. Beverly planned to serve on a Campus

Crusade team in July for two weeks in London and a week in southern France, working with a small Baptist church in Carpentras. Beverly, a full-time substitute teacher in Rowan County for 13 years, enjoys teaching kindergarten one day and high school the next.

Sharon Reel Fuhrmeister, a middle-school speech/language specialist for 11 years, retired in June. Before nearly 30 years in public schools, she worked in rehabilitation at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center. Older daughter Krista has Sharon's grandson, Everett, 1. Son Gregory works in Chicago. Younger daughter Erica is a Johns Hopkins University senior. Tom and **Sue Smith Hane** joined Sharon on a summer trip to Spain and France.

Nancy Saunders Puckette and husband of 37 years Jim of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., are legacy executive directors for Tupperware Brands Corp. Daughter Annalise is a corporate event planner, and Nicole is a photographer.

Eva Grace Shedd lives in Silver Spring, Md., with husband Brett and son John, who finished his first year of college. Eva still works at the American College of Cardiology in D.C. Sadly, her mother passed away in February. Her dad, 92, lives in Williamsburg near Eva's sister, **Ellen Grace Jaroczky '70**.

Karen Sullivan Iseman and husband Ron of Ormond Beach, Fla., volunteer year-round with Operation Christmas Child of Samaritan's Purse, which sends shoeboxes around the world to children who never receive presents. The Isemans vacationed in Maine in June, covering most of the state, from Acadia National Park to Mount Katahdin. Karen volunteers at a children's home, is on the Genesis Counseling Center advisory board, and teaches classes at her Methodist church.

Carolyn Roberts said **Cathy Colbert** came for the January inauguration in D.C. So, **Lucy Dee Kinsey** hosted a lunch at her house with **Hannah Patterson Crew**,

Gayle Weinberger Petro '79 is vice president of class reunions, serves on the UMW Alumni Board, and spends lots of time on campus.

Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria, B.C., before returning to Seattle. Older son Ross Fallen, a finance and economics major at VCU, had an internship at Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, where he learned about small business finances. Younger son Drew Fallen is in his fourth year at U.Va. and had a summer internship at the Virginia Historical Society. He's in the Distinguished Majors Program in history and double majoring in religious studies.

Curating Letters From Laramie

Teresa Wood Photography



In conjunction with the fall production of *The Laramie Project* at Ford's Theatre, Shayla Roland helped create an exhibit of letters sent to the parents of Matthew Shepard after their son was murdered in 1998 because he was gay.



Shayla Roland '10 found herself in the basement of the Wyoming home of Judy and Dennis Shepard, sorting through thousands of letters. The notes – sent in an outpouring of support after the 1998 murder in Laramie of the Shepards' gay son, Matthew – had remained largely untouched since.

When Roland was studying to be a stage manager at the University of Mary Washington, she couldn't have imagined doing work like this to support a major stage production of *The Laramie Project*, which explores the aftermath of the Wyoming hate crime.

After graduation, Roland took part-time work at historic Ford's Theatre. Last February, the Washington, D.C., theater – famous as the location of the 1865 assassination of Abraham Lincoln – made Roland its full-time special programming manager.

What shows offstage is just as important as onstage at Ford's, which aspires to honor the legacy of Lincoln by exploring the American experience through theater and education. Roland's job is to help develop programs that supplement shows and create a dialogue about tolerance and

social equality. In the case of *The Laramie Project*, Ford's fall production by Moisés Kaufman, Roland helped put together a haunting exhibit that highlights the letters that arrived after the murder of the University of Wyoming student.

Some of the most emotional letters Roland read in the Wyoming basement were written by children, she said, and by older gay people who'd been closeted their whole lives. She even found a letter from a Mary Washington student who'd sent \$10, saying it was all she had. Roland's favorite letter, printed on yellow paper, was striking in its simplicity: "I'm so sorry. I'm shocked. I wish I had something better to say."

"I'm fortunate that my job allows me to do these things where I can be a part of something that brings these letters to Ford's – to our exhibit space – that thousands of people will see," the psychology and theater major said. Ford's Theatre, a popular tourist destination, is well positioned to reach visitors from all over the world. "School groups, kids, people from all walks of life, can see and feel and learn, and it will hopefully urge them to do something wonderful."

Ford's partnered with other organizations to offer post-show discussions, a candlelight vigil on the 15th anniversary of the murder, and readings of companion plays through the show's October run. "I think it's important to get the community involved," Roland said, "because if the community is not involved, I don't think anything is going to change."

Roland's letters exhibit was unaffected by this fall's federal government shutdown. The exhibit was displayed at the neighboring Center for Education and Leadership, run by an independent, not-for-profit society. Though Ford's Theatre itself was closed, performances of *The Laramie Project* were held at a nearby church.

Roland's meaningful work didn't come her way overnight. "It's about connections," she said. "It's about getting that part-time job and being awesome and hopefully showing them that they need you." UMW played its role in her career, too, Roland said. Mary Washington has "definitely given me a leg up in the world and pushed me to do what I love to do."

— Erica Jackson Curran '07

Daphne Johnston Elliott, Elaine Perrino Mazur, Judy Sledge Joyce, and Carolyn Roberts.

Suzanne Hawkins Stephens is back to being a lady of leisure, aka jobless, and still coaches 4-H archery. Jack still works at Rayonier Performance Fibers in Jesup, Ga. Older daughter Linda had one semester left at Georgia Southern University and aims to make the 2016 U.S. Olympic Archery Team. Younger daughter Emily is a freshman at Georgia Southern University. Suzanne is *The Star-Spangled Banner* lady, having sung the national anthem at three public events!

Mary Johnson Mulligan is an official empty nester. Son Patrick graduated from Emory School of Medicine in May and married a fellow med student in Phoenix. They began their residency at University of California, San Francisco, so Mary plans lots of trips to the West Coast. Daughter Katie works for a Spanish pharmaceutical company in Miami. Daughter Courtney works in sales with MicroStrategy and lives in D.C. Mary hopes to work another five years for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center before retiring.

Originally in the Class of '59, **Sylvia Pyle** gradually earned her degree and graduated as an older adult student in '76. She taught at Drew Middle School in Stafford County for 19 years, retiring in 1995 with her husband to Singer Island, Fla., then to Indian Wells, Calif., outside Palm Springs. Her son is an art curator; her daughter is an attorney. Her grandson is a senior at Marymount College in San Pedro, Calif. Her granddaughter graduated from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles and works at an Orange County firm. Sylvia is active in her community women's club. Her husband loves golf. They vacation in Monmouth and San Diego, and travel to Florida and Fredericksburg.

Henry and **Madelin Jones Barratt's** son, William, returned from Shanghai in March to a new job in Arlington, Va. His wife, Susanna, joined him in July.

Madelin's daughter, Ellen, still teaches in Fairfax, and younger daughter Anna goes to James Madison University. Henry still does venture capital work and lots of gardening.

Please send me your news! It's great to hear from you.

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John and **Kathye Baldwin Geary's** daughter, Meredith, wed Kevin Hawley in October in the gardens of Maryland's historic Oxon Hill Manor. **Kathy Nutter Hartman, Jody Diehl Amberly '76, and Janet Pulliam Read** helped celebrate.

Wendy Veselick Pacheco lives in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, with husband Al and border collie Mac. A senior editor for an ophthalmology journal, she telecommutes to the Virginia office. Al manages Opera de San Miguel, which promotes young singers, is a graphic designer, and

Sandra Schermerhorn Peterson '86 moved to San Antonio for her dream job as a hospital experience officer.

co-owns the culinary tour business Flavors and Magic. Daughter **Emily Pacheco Williams '04** teaches high school science in the Bronx. Son Justin of Annapolis, Md., is in music production and has a DJ business. Last year Al's 96-year-old mother came to live with them, and their kids and other relatives visit frequently.

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Thanks to those who sent news.

Mary Anne Kennedy Kane, husband Brian, and adult children Allison and Bobby spent four days rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon in May, hiking 9 miles down Bright Angel Trail, and boarding pontoon boats for a 100-mile, three-day journey through the canyon, exploring waterfalls and sleeping under the stars.

After earning a doctorate in clinical psychology in 2010, **Cathy Cooke '83** conducted clinical trials related to autism on a fellowship at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Gayle Weinberger Petro spent the July Fourth holiday at **Lisa Carle Shields' Smith** Mountain Lake home. Gayle, **Donna Anaya, Nancy Quaintance Nelles, and Lisa Bratton Soltis** went to Edinburgh and London in July. Gayle is vice president of class reunions on the UMW Alumni Board and spends lots of time on campus. Our 35th reunion is coming up next summer. Be sure to note it on your calendar!

My sister, **Patricia Goliash Andril '80**, attended daughter Katie's Connecticut College graduation. Katie double-majored in English and art and planned to start George Mason University's museum management grad program. She's grateful to **Claire Kelly '83**, who works in that field and gave her an informational interview and career advice.

I hope to hear from more of you for the next issue.

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Nelly Angela Garza is a part-time bookkeeper for an ocularist, who makes prosthetic eyes. She takes her mother-in-law to doctors' appointments and works with the church's adult choir and hostess committee.

Oldest son Matthew married Elisa last year in La Ceiba, Honduras, and Nelly helped them celebrate their first anniversary. Matthew teaches technology and coaches sports year-round, and Elisa teaches sixth-grade math and science, both at Castle Hills First Baptist School. Youngest son Andrew, who studies criminal justice at Texas State University in San Marcos, made dean's list in spring. He hopes to join the San Antonio or Austin police force, and, ultimately, a federal agency.

Susan Bridges Smith, planning manager/floodplain administrator for Franklin County Development Services, and archaeologist husband Jason of Rocky Mount, Va., celebrated their 10th anniversary in March. Their middle daughter is a sophomore at Hollins. Their youngest daughter is a high school senior.

Teresa Childers Peterson and husband Mark of Atlanta spend most of their vacations at their Ormond Beach house in Florida. Teresa is in Kimberly-Clark Corp.'s analytical sciences group. She presented a poster at a June technical conference in Amsterdam, and Mark joined her for some sightseeing.



Vicki Rudacille Davison and her husband own and operate Hidden Springs Senior Living, an assisted living home in Bentonville, Va.

Cathy Cooke earned a Ph.D. from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology in 2010, then did a fellowship at Eastern Virginia Medical School, conducting clinical trials related to parent-child interaction therapy for children with autism and disruptive behaviors.

A licensed clinical psychologist and research scientist at ODU, Cathy is a co-investigator for an NIH-funded clinical trial related to couples' therapy for substance abuse and its effects on children living in the home. Cathy lives in Newport News, Va., with her husband of 17 years, a park ranger. She's in touch with **Becky Hobbs Shermer** and **Hope Chenault Martin**.

I now live in Philadelphia, where I can walk to everything, including a wonderful Italian market. I travel the country for work and serve on several industry work groups committed to leading health care reform. Tom and I vacation at our Pompano Beach, Fla., condo and recently visited Napa.

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Marianna Rixey Scott, who works for a property management company, and husband **Mark Scott '84** live in Charlottesville. Daughter Maggie earned a master's degree in higher education at the College of William and Mary. Daughter Lauren studies art at a community college. Daughter Kat, a seventh-grader, plays lacrosse. Mark has worked with SunTrust Mortgage for 10 years, volunteers for charities, and is involved with local athletics.

Gayle Greenwood Whitlock of Woodbridge, Va., and her husband of 25 years, Bennett, work at Whitlock Wealth Management. Gayle participated in the spring UMW Career Chats, where she connected with her son's friends and a former summer intern from

After 10 years in Italy and as many in Niger, **James Maurice Morgan '88** lives and teaches in Switzerland.

UMW. Gayle is on the board of directors for Action in the Community through Service, Lake Ridge Homeowner's Association, and Leadership Prince William. She enjoys indoor rock climbing with her kids and meeting UMW friends at Wolf Trap.

Catherine "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel and husband Chris live in Midlothian, Va. Catherine's mother passed away this year when cancer unexpectedly returned after 10 years. Catherine is thankful for the support of hospice and family, and her mother was pleased to know granddaughter **Katy Kunkel '17** was to attend UMW in the fall. She was to live in Randolph Hall as part of VISION, a living and learning leadership community. Daughter Emily is a high school junior. Catherine has taught kindergarten at Crenshaw Elementary for nine years but was to begin teaching first grade in fall.

My family and I appreciate the beauty and relative ease of living and working in the Madison, Wis., area. I'm in my fourth year working with high school English language learners. My husband is slowly but surely completing his Ph.D. in history. Son Sean works in Seattle, and daughter Lauren plans to start her teaching career next year.

Near the end of his assignment with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, **Donald Rands Fuller '92** was preparing for another overseas rotation to Afghanistan.

work from home or part time while raising children Ryan, a high school senior, and **Stephanie Preston '14**, UMW SGA president.

1986

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Hello, Class of 1986! I know *Class Notes* news is falling victim to social media but please, please send me updates. Here is all I have for now:

Sandra Schermerhorn Peterson and husband Don moved in March to San Antonio for Sandra's dream job, experience officer at Northeast Baptist

Hospital. She coaches physicians, leaders, and staff on improving the patient and visitor experience.

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From Kim: I still work on our company's technical side but have moved into a more administrative role. I spend more time marketing, working through social media, and interacting with clients, which I love. On days off, I enjoy exploring with my camera. A wildlife refuge near our city provides lots of photo opportunities. I was excited to get updates from some new people this time. Keep them coming through Facebook or email!

Julie Roehrs Preston lives in the Philadelphia suburbs with her husband of 26 years, Jeff. Julie is in accounting and was able to

Julie and Jeff are proud of Stephanie and the positive impact she's had on UMW life.

Louis Dean started a new career as LeadDyna systems integrator, doing performance tuning for the Motorcycle Center of Maryland. **Mark Collings** moved south of Myrtle Beach to Murrells Inlet, S.C., and got an English bulldog.

Jennifer Lee Parrish was appointed this year to the Virginia State Bar Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee, which interviews candidates for open judgeships for the Virginia Supreme Court, the Virginia Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Julie Magness visited brother Charles in Savannah, Ga., where he's stationed in the Army and has a home that becomes waterfront property at each high tide. Julie spends time with her nieces and her "bonus" nieces from her brother's new marriage. She and wife Kathy attended Kathy's family reunion in North Carolina in August.

Thanks to everyone for the great updates. Keep them coming!

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From Nee-Cee: The Class of 1988

recently enjoyed its 25th reunion weekend at MWC. (Yes, we still refer to it as Mary Washington College!) A mix of '88 and '89 grads attended, including **Jennifer Cliff O'Donnell**; **Jamie Crowley**

Greenough; **Lisa Barker**; **Jim Conroy**; **Barbara Anderson**; **Mary Fringer Dellinger**; **Kristina Murphy**; **Annic Hirt van der Sluis**; **Jay Bradshaw**; **Anna Wilson Hudson**; **Amber Chamberlain**;

Kelly Gould Stewart; Wendy Cowan; Tracy Paner; Michelle Martin; Maria Edelstein; Jose Osegueda, MBA '88; Beverly Newman; Christina Sipe White; Laurenne Foskett Teachout; Debbie Reep Beach; Eileen Brown Adenan; Kimberly Levenston Walker; Suzanne Comley Seurattan; and me. Former attendee Sharon Dawson Kyne and sister Cathy, and favorite Fredericksburg native Bill Woodard, also came. We had our class party at Ristorante Renato, toured campus, lunched in Ball Circle, and tasted wine in the Great Hall. The best part was catching up with old friends and picking up as if 25 years hadn't passed. To top it off, the Class of 1988 won the award for most spirit and best tent decoration. Thanks to Jay and Anna for all their hard work. Let's not go another 25 years before we do it again!

From Beverly: It was neat to catch up at the reunion. (Laurenne, I never got your email, so please send me a note.) Those who weren't there missed a good time! It's hard to believe we've been out of school for 25 years!

I spoke with **Sue Thomasson Coleman**, who runs her three kids around and works a lot, and **Kim Jones Isaac '87**. I hope to get to Oklahoma soon and really catch up!

From Jay and Anna Wilson Hudson: Reunion Weekend 2013, our 25th, was terrific. The Class of 1988 won first prize for tent decoration, with printed T-shirts, cups, and a banner displaying a copy of our commencement program.

After 10 years in Rome and as many in Niamey, Niger, **James Maurice Morgan, Ph.D.**, and family live in Fribourg, Switzerland, where he teaches at the university.

Karen Spilman Marmaras, husband Peter, and children Anne, 16, Grace, 15, and John, 11, vacationed on Washington Island in northern Wisconsin, where they generally spend July. They live in eastern Pennsylvania, northeast of Philadelphia, in a restored 1750s Pennsylvania German stone farmhouse. Karen writes, creates historically appropriate gardens, and shuttles the kids around. Peter is a financial adviser. Their eldest is in France.

After **Anne Crowe Kroger** lost her husband in April, a dear friend flew her to Bozouls, France, in June for a stay in her castle.

Arlene Fierstien Klapproth's children, Abbey, 21, and Jake, 18, graduated this year. Arlene, who has been an occupational therapist with Erickson Living for 13 years, and husband Chris celebrated their 10th anniversary.

Diane Cardwell Huntington is software services manager for Greystone IT in Warrenton, Va. Children Heather, 20, and

Maria Edelstein congratulated everyone who helped plan and organize the reunion. She and **Eileen Simpson Shaffer** re-explored campus and said Mason Hall is nothing like when they met there as college freshmen. Maria lives in Stafford, Va., with husband Ray and children Keith, 20, who studied at NOVA and headed to ODU this fall, and Bryan, 17, a high school senior. Maria works for the Government Accountability Office in D.C. They visit West Virginia to hike and bike in summer and snowboard in winter.

Anna Wilson Hudson attended the first annual gathering of the Southwest Virginia Regional Network for UMW alumni, in a suite at a Salem Red Sox (a Boston Red Sox farm team) game. Other

attendees were Anna's son, **Drew Hudson '15; Joan Castner Niederlehner '77; Vickie Nichols Sherertz '78; Susan Albert '84; Carla Richardson Barrell '82** and daughter **Kaitlin Barrell '13; Kianna Davis '13; and Melissa Powell Werger '91**.

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Greetings, Class of '91! I didn't hear from many people this time; I hope to hear from lots of you next time!

Stephen "Steve" Miller married longtime girlfriend Melinda, and they live in a new house in Alexandria, Va. Steve still runs his IT business, MillerTEK, LLC, and produces art on the side.

Todd Stayin, wife Laura, and daughter Elle welcomed baby boy Tate in April. After leaving his job at EMC, Todd went to work at a

Richmond software company in March. They sold their Reston house and moved to a new house in Richmond's Salisbury neighborhood. Todd joined the Salisbury Country Club and looked forward to experiencing the area's relaxed pace.

Diana Kelley made a fresh start, leaving 43 years in Northern Virginia behind and moving to Huntsville, Ala., with her two children. She is a senior analyst for ATF at the National Center for Explosives Training and Research on Redstone Arsenal.

I hope everyone is well. Please keep the news and updates coming. It's always great to hear from fellow '91 grads!

1992

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Thanks to everyone who sent news. Please continue (or start) to do so. Some of us keep in touch through email and Facebook, but this magazine's format is a wonderful way to stay connected with Mary Washington and one another. I hope to see many more updates in the future!

In April, my husband, Tom, and I visited my family in Lexington, Va., and attended my cousin's wedding in Mechanicsville. In May, we vacationed at Sandals Whitehouse, scuba diving, kayaking, and stand up paddle boarding along the south coast of Jamaica. We are still active with the Atlanta Outdoor Club and lead hikes and floats along/on the Chattahoochee River. I celebrated my 43rd birthday in June with friends and three days of activities. In the rainy weeks that followed, we remodeled our home's exterior with new siding, paint, and gutters. The noisy construction kept our cats, Leo and Luna, hiding under beds and behind curtains. I stay busy volunteering in our community. In my second term as social director, I welcome new people to the neighborhood, organize fun events like bunco and supper clubs, host pool parties, and more. I'm also still the editor of our community newsletter. Tom and I were counting down the days until our week on St. Simons Island, Ga. After a work conference, we planned to celebrate Tom's birthday and spend a few days



lounging on the beach and exploring historical sites. We also planned an October trip to St. Lucia, our fourth time on the island, to celebrate our 14th wedding anniversary.

Kate Stanford McCown; husband John; daughter Mary Ella, 10; son Jack, 8; and daughter Ashlyn, 2, were to move again this summer to Marietta, Ga. John took a position as a senior director of tax strategy for Home Depot in Atlanta. They're happy to be closer to friends and family on the East Coast and to "get back to the Peach State!" They took a family vacation in May to Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Donald Rands Fuller was nearing the end of his assignment with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. He is a Kiowa Warrior senior instructor and master gunner instructor and was awaiting a promotion to chief warrant officer 5 and preparing for another overseas rotation to Afghanistan. He spent nearly half of the last 10 years in CENTCOM (Iraq/Afghanistan). After completing flight school in 1994, Donald moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., working as a junior Army aviator and living through not one but two "one-in-a-million" aircraft incidents unscathed. He moved to Fort Rucker, Ala., in 1998 to be a senior standardization instructor pilot, instrument examiner, and combat tactics instructor at the U.S. Army Flight School. He started overseas hardship tours in 2002, with an assignment that led to daily patrols of the DMZ in Korea. Next he moved to Fort Carson, Colo., where he spent most of his time assigned to the CENTCOM

area. Donald moved to Washington state in 2009 and had a special assignment flying a year of medevac for the Army, but he found his years as an attack pilot had jaded his opinion of other types of flying, so he left that job with the promise of preparing another unit for a deployment overseas and headed to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He hopes to retire in the Pacific Northwest and be near family in

Boise, Idaho. He was to be eligible for retirement in December. He's ready to leave the military – but not the lifestyle – behind. Donald is in contract negotiations for a post-Army civilian job flying in the Middle East on behalf of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and more, and hopes to do a two- to four-year contract before going back to Washington and hanging up his hat for good.

Marc Tate has been with Booz Allen Hamilton for 13 years and joined the SkillSource Group board of directors, helping individuals seeking employment and employers seeking a qualified workforce. This summer Marcus, 12, attended Boy Scout camp, and Maddie, 10, attended gymnastics. The family planned an August vacation at their Bethany beach house.

Edna Coste Borchetta, husband Gene, son Christian, and daughter Carriella looked forward to seal and whale watching and exploring the national seashore on their annual Cape Cod vacation.

Heather Martin Montgomery lives with her husband, dog, and cat, in northern Alabama, where she explores the wilderness and

Becky Earle Middleton '97 hung up her lobbying shoes and became chief operating officer of the Alliance to End Hunger.

writes children's books about nature. Her 10th book, *Wild Discoveries: Wacky New Animals*, published by Scholastic, was featured in the summer edition of *UMW Magazine*.

Tamara Tasheiko Tucker '91 and lawyer husband Bill live on a small farm in Ruckersville, Va. Tamara found their indoor cat, Frosty, who is deaf, 13 years ago

by a road in Fredericksburg. They also have a barn cat, Maybelline, who recently adopted them. Tamara competes in hunter/jumper shows and showed her two horses in Ocala, Fla., in February. The Tuckers took a ski trip last year to

Len Ornstein '94 was one of 15 U.S. teachers chosen for an immersion workshop at the George C. Marshall International Center, and he was chosen for a workshop at the Ronald W. Reagan Presidential Library & Museum.

Stowe, Vt., and planned a fall trip to California to see Monterey, where Tamara was born, and visit family in Berkeley. She and Bill, partners in Charlottesville's Tucker Law Firm, PLC, practice in the areas of equine and employment law, insurance coverage, workers' compensation, and other civil litigation matters. Tamara stays in touch with **Danielle Favreau Santos '90, Heather Cawthon Deane '90, Denise Mickelson Campbell '91, Lisa Williamson Dargay '91, Dia Pullen '91, and Morey Oare.** Over the last couple years, they've met up at Rabble Rousers reunion concerts.

Pete Chirico '93 and wife Bethany moved to Vienna, Va., after 14 years in Falls Church. Pete has been a geographer at the USGS for more than 16 years, mapping natural resources in conflict zones and developing countries. He travels a lot but keeps ending up in places like Afghanistan, Guinea, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. When

Pete and Bethany aren't remodeling their house, they spend time with their rescued German shorthaired pointer, Reese, who likes to play Frisbee. Pete has run several marathons and half-marathons recently. The Chiricos get together with friends and family and are close to Pete's younger sister, **Liz Chirico '08** of Alexandria, Va., who works for the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

John T. Williams Jr. '93 caught up with many college friends at the 2013 UMW Reunion Weekend. He lives with wife Ann and children Caroline, 16, Ellie, 13, and Carly, 5, in Onancock on Virginia's Eastern Shore. He and his family travel and boat, and John T. plays golf whenever he can. He manages his family's businesses, Williams Funeral Homes, Shore Crematory, and Peninsula Monument & Vault Co., and was named 2013 Small Business

Person of the Year by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He was especially honored, since his father had received the award in the past. John T.'s parents, **Peggy Gray Williams '58** and John T. "Johnny" Williams, live nearby, and they spend time together.

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Eric Robert Nolan, aka "The Man in the Green Jacket" (no, you will never live that down, Eric!), had many poems published this year in online literary journals in the United States, Australia, and Great Britain, including *Delaware Sheets*, published in May in *Every Day Poets*. His debut novel, *The Dogs Don't Bark In Brooklyn Anymore*, a post-apocalyptic science fiction novel, was to be published this fall by Dagda Publishing in the U.K.

Len Ornstein was one of 15 teachers in the country chosen for an immersion workshop on the Marshall Plan with the George C. Marshall International Center in Virginia. He also was chosen for the Gilder Lehrman "Age of Reagan" workshop at California's Ronald

W. Reagan Presidential Library & Museum. Len ranked 4,475th in the world for ages 40 to 44 in this year's Reebok CrossFit Open.

To celebrate their 40(ish) birthdays, **Dave Kovacs** and wife **Mary Johnson Kovacs '95** joined friends – trip organizer **Dave Evans** and wife Cat, **Colin O'Brien** and wife Jen, **Dave Marks** and wife Kristin, **Chris Gildea** and wife Amy, **Matt St. Amand '95** and wife **Amanda Harris St. Amand '95**, **Greg Urquhart '95** and wife **Wendy James Urquhart '95**, **Brett Christiansen '95** and wife Lilith, and **Sean Forde '96** and wife Lesley – in February in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

I apologize for missing a few deadlines over the past months. It's clearly an argument for going to law school in your 20s and not your late 30s/early 40s! After graduating in May from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law, I've been madly studying for the bar and accepted a clerkship with the presiding judge for Pima County in Tucson. If things go well, I plan to complete the clerkship in a year and move to the City of Tucson Public Defender's Office. Hope all are healthy and happy! Don't forget our 20th reunion in May/June 2014!

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Susan Lee Metzger, **Elise Balkin Ice**, **Susan McAllister Walker**, **Abigail Baird Bartley**, and **Melinda DeVishio O'Neil** had a mini-reunion in Fredericksburg. They toured campus and were impressed with the new facilities and the updates to Mason and Randolph halls.

Rob Edwards' dramatic fiction novel, *An Image of Us*, centered on a love story (think Nicholas

Sparks) and published by 1st Ride Enterprises, was getting fantastic reviews. Rob's next novel, *Purple Meadow*, was due out in fall.

Jamie Simpson is director of meeting logistics for J. Spargo & Associates Inc., where she plans the fourth largest medical meeting in the U.S. She and **Philip Stoneman '94** of Vienna, Va., have been married 13 years and have children Kate, 8, and Jacob, 5. Phil was getting ready to be tour manager for The Dismemberment Plan, which includes members **Eric Axelson '94** and **Jason Caddell '93**.

Jennifer Wilson Watson, resource development manager at Stafford Junction, a nonprofit that helps low-income kids, recruited and worked with several UMW interns this summer.

Becky Earle Middleton hung up her lobbying shoes and became chief operating officer of the Alliance to End Hunger early this year. She and husband Dennis of Arlington, Va., met through **Jeff Seaman**. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in November 2012 and have two children.

In April, **Jenn Wood Shand** and husband Mike of Alexandria, Va., welcomed baby John William. In June, **Susanna Fisher Parker** and husband Rob welcomed Robert "Bobby" Reid, joining Stevie, 6, and Caroline, 2; **Crissandra Finno Domroes** and husband Stephen welcomed Matthew Joseph, joining big sister Catharine; and **Jin Wong** and wife Libby welcomed son Tate Ju-Yung, joining big brother Kai.

Stacie Tarbet Carson, an elementary school assistant principal, and husband James of Athens, Ga., welcomed first daughter Anneliese in January 2011. That May, Stacie received her Ph.D. in middle grades education

from the University of Georgia. Family and friends, including **Corie Tarbet '01**, **Chappell Tyler Tommasi**, **Ailie Byers '98**, and **Wes Heuvel '98**, helped celebrate. The couple planned to welcome their second daughter in September.

Stand-up comedian and actor **Jay Montepare '00** has headlined clubs and colleges nationwide, including Mary Washington; toured Japan performing for the troops; and guest-starred on several television shows.

Jackie Curry Todaro, husband Jim, and children Courtney and Jeremy attended an April wedding in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil. **Michael Hurt** married Caroline Ball in May. Jeff Seaman and **Jesse Freese**, Mike's friends since their Bushnell Hall days; **Jeremy Blain '98**; **Clint McCarthy '98**; **Mike "Pasta" Paolino '98**; **John Tani '98**; and **Brian Lusk '98** attended.

1998

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With fall, the leaves shifted colors along Campus Walk, and a new group of freshmen started out at old Mary Wash, just as we did 19 years ago. That number must be a typo, right? Anyway, here's a report of achievements, events, and general

Jonathan Williams '01 and **Erin Pickens Williams '01** welcomed triplets, whose combined weight was 8 pounds 10 ounces.

news. I email to ask/accost people for updates every few months. If you aren't getting emails, contact me at the address above, and I'll add you to the list.

Alyson Andrews Ramsey is director of development at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest

near Lynchburg, Va. **Anne and Tristan Daugherty-Leiter** of Middleton, Wis., have children Griffin, MacKinnon, and Beatrix. They recently hosted **Matt Galeone**, **Lara Fedorov**, and Anne's sister, **Trish Daugherty '03**. Matt works at Lockheed Martin, started an independent publishing company, and plans to publish his sci-fi adventure trilogy, *The Champion of Clarendon Ditch*. Matt's son, Aaron Christopher, was born in June.

Adrien Snedeker Dickerson was holding down the fort in Northern Virginia while husband Adam served in the Coast Guard out of Cape May, N.J. **Kevin Adkins** lives in Alexandria with his wife and three children, works at Forbes Media, and performs with his band, Icewagon Flu.

In May, **Larissa Lipani Peluso-Fleming** welcomed a daughter, joining Anthony and Deacon. She planned to leave Virginia, as husband Michael accepted a position in Raleigh, N.C. Larissa is excited she'll be closer to **Bradley Hopper '99**, **Rick Oppedisano '96**, and **Brian Daly '97**.

Sara Leedom spent the summer in Rwanda, working with the African Entrepreneur Collective, and was in India for a yearlong fellowship with Shell Foundation. **Sean Tuffy** and wife Lorraine are still overseas and compete in a recreational co-ed hurling league.

In February, **Chrissy Harakal** and husband Andrew welcomed second son Ryan James, joining big brother Alexander. **Angie O'Connor Walger**, a project manager with Capital One, where she's worked for 15 years, and husband Adam welcomed son Connor David in January.



We spent a week on Martha's Vineyard, toured colleges in Maine, and saw some of you folks down in not-at-all sweltering Northern Virginia. We subsisted on **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson** and husband Andy's award-winning barbecue, met up with **Adrien Snedeker Dickenson**, and strolled Campus Walk with **Katie Shea Britton**, husband Craig, and daughters Emma and Claire.

Don't forget to email me so I can hit you up for an update in a few months!

1999

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James Mirabello and wife Erica's son, Jacob, turned 1 in September. They write from their Northern Virginia home. James works at Spark Media, a documentary film company that creates socially conscious media. Their next project is *No Evidence of Disease*, about a rock 'n' roll band of six gynecological surgeons who take the stage to raise awareness of women's cancers.

Newlywed **Sarah Crown Benbouzid** of San Francisco has worked with Omni Hotels since returning from Honduras in 2007.

Jay Montepare married Elizabeth, an actress and writer, in 2011. **Brad Poole**, a groomsman, was among alumni

who attended. The Montepares live in California with Maggie Smith, their rescued blue nose pit bull. Jay, a stand-up comedian and actor in Los Angeles since 2004, has headlined clubs and colleges nationwide, including Mary Washington; appeared in more than 30 national commercials and on NESN's *Comedy All-Stars* with Tommy Davidson and NUVOTV's *Stand Up & Deliver*; toured Japan performing for the troops; been a guest star on ABC's

Body of Proof, VH1's *Stevie TV*, and NBC's *Blake Shelton's Not So Family Christmas* special. Jay has a one-hour online stand-up special, *The Sound That Jokes Make*.

In March, **Stacey Ladd Mulholland**, a fifth-grade teacher, and husband Matt of Chelmsford, Mass., welcomed daughter Charlotte Faye, who joined brother Jacob, 3, and family dog Gilligan. **Jill Ellis Frank** welcomed second baby Katie in September 2012.

Alison Martin Simpson is a real estate agent with Prudential in St. Augustine, Fla. **Kristine Reid Milne** works at a Maryland fertility clinic. **Annette Hibbert Nelson** published her second book, *Big6, Large and in Charge: Project-Based Information Literacy Lessons for Grades 3-6*, and welcomed her first baby in September.

My old roomie, **Ellen Perry Clark**, husband Josh, and daughter Bonnie moved from Northern Virginia back to Virginia Beach, where they bought a home.

This past spring my husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, and I took our 3-year-old daughter, Gaby, to her first lacrosse game. **Ryan Wellner**, assistant coach for the U.S. Naval Academy men's lacrosse team,

Jay Sinha '07 was accepted into the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership in U.Va.'s Emerging Leaders Program.

and girlfriend Kate hosted Mary Washington alumni, including **Stu Sears**, **Bryan Eckle '96**, **Kurt Feldman**, **Gerrit Visscher '99**, and **Mickey Hughes**, for the game versus Army.

I hope everyone is doing well. I'd love to hear from more of you!

2001

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Stephanie Brady left Sierra Vista, Ariz., to live in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, for two years. Her husband was assigned a new position with

Erik Horne '04 and wife **Logan Dalby Horne '06** live with their five children in Kumbo, Cameroon, and teach at Saint Augustine College.

the U.S. Army 94th Military Police Battalion. She was on a leave of absence as a senior engineer with Booz Allen Hamilton but planned to transition to a new role within the firm. Before she left, Stephanie spent most of the summer visiting family and participating in races across the country. She planned to run her first international half marathon and do a polar bear plunge in 2014.

Dave Bristow, director of his church's youth ministry, moved to a new home in the same town. **Madelyn Marino** purchased her first apartment in Manhattan. She and **Annie Johnston** traveled to Scandinavia and met up with **Caroline Jarvis** in Oslo, Norway.

Jonathan Williams and **Erin Pickens Williams** welcomed triplets Colin Thomas, Cash James, and Grace Catherine in June. They weighed a combined total of 8 pounds 10 ounces.

Tamara Garvey of Brooklyn, N.Y.,

quit her day job to pursue her freelance illustration and surface design work full time. Instead of an office, she can be found sketching in coffee shops and selling her drawings at craft markets and online.

After 12 years, I'm stepping down as Class Agent. It's been great catching up with you. I'm sorry if a few updates slipped through the cracks over the years. Best of luck to my successor.

2002

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Brent Cornell earned a doctorate in management from the University of Maryland University College and holds a master's degree in business administration. He is a program manager for Sony and was awaiting the birth of his first child.

2003

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Kelli O'Quinn Gaudreau and **Jeremy Gaudreau** started dating their freshman year at Mary Washington, married in 2007, live in Richmond, and welcomed baby Juliet in September 2012. Kelli works in state government relations at Hunton & Williams. Jeremy is principal real estate broker at New Home Partners.

Kristin Simmers plans to teach at a UN-affiliated international school in Thailand for the next few years. **Catherine Messa Saadat** has been with public accounting firm Thompson, Greenspon & Co. since college graduation and was promoted to manager last year. She and husband Cameron welcomed first child Lily in January. They live in Arlington, where they bought and restored the Harry W. Gray House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Darrel Graf works for Citigroup in Dallas, got married in Sydney, Australia, and expected his first child in September. **Andrea Soltess**, Esri global affairs account manager, married Jesse Huber in June 2011. **Tina Francis** and Emmanuel Rangel planned a

November wedding. **Rachel Smith** is a student success specialist/transfer adviser at Boston's Wheelock College.

Kristen "Kiki" Skove King, senior writer and technology coordinator at Advocates for Human Potential, moved to Hernando County, Fla., in December with husband of nine years Jesse and 2-year-old twins Miles and Emmett. The Kings became Herbalife wellness coaches, lost more than 35 pounds combined in six weeks, and help others improve health and fitness.

Rachel Keller Hoffman earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at VCU, graduated summa cum laude, and became a certified rehabilitation counselor. She welcomed baby Gavin Carlyle Hoffman this past spring.

Amber Knowles, who works for the National Estuarine Research Reserve Centralized Data Management Office, married Matthew Tortolini in 2011. **Eric Horne** and wife **Logan Dolby Horne '06** live with their five children in Kumbo, Cameroon, and teach at Saint Augustine College.

Jason Lancaster, a lieutenant in the Navy serving at U.S. Commander, Naval Forces Korea, lives in Seoul with wife Nathalie. **Brian Reagan** of Centreville, Va., married Kimberly Usowski, and Brian's brother, **Jim Reagan '00**, was in the wedding party along with **Andrew Dawson**, **Matt Kapuscinski**, and **Bryce Perry**.

Bridget Murphy Healey and **Jason Healey '03** welcomed first child Grace in July. Mary Katherine and **Kory Jessen** welcomed first child Alexa in July. **Sameer Vaswani** completed his PADI scuba diving certification and traveled to Jamaica with **Tyler St. Clair**.

2005

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Erin Price and Benjamin Schabert of Alexandria, Va., were married in Palisade, Colo., last May in a wedding awarded to them through

the nonprofit, The Wedding Pink. **Katie Anderson '04**, **Brenna McErlean**, **Lauren Benere**, **Courtney Hopkins Lewis '06**, **Morgan Applegate**, **Kelly Wolff Applegate '06**, **Neil Stedman '06**, and **Linda Fairall Stedman '06** attended.

Meredith Dunham Potter '04 and **Jeremy Potter**, in-house counsel for Norcom Mortgage and Insurance, moved to Canton, Conn. They welcomed daughter Tessa in February. **Cara Stout**, Northeastern University's southwest regional director of admissions, lives in downtown Austin with goldendoodle Lily.

Jessica Amato and **David Beekman** of Richmond wed in October 2012 in Crozet, Va. **Dave Buschenfeldt** and **Lydia Buschenfeldt**, **Jared Bankos**, **Katie Delaney-Graves**, **Brad Frost** and **Dana Frost**, **Peter Lubrano**, **Erin Lee**, and **Ginny Soenksen** attended.

2006

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Whitney Gray of Warrenton, Va., was to marry Coleman Himes in Culpeper on Labor

Lindsay McClelland '09 works in social media and PR and was preparing to run her sixth marathon in October.

Day weekend, with **KD Childs Klepper** as bridesmaid. Whitney is a cybersecurity interagency coordinator for the Department of Energy.

After graduating, **Kelly Ryan** moved to NYC to work for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, then to El Progreso, Honduras, to work for Students Helping Honduras. Kelly moved to Roatan, Honduras, in October to work as development director for Clinica Esperanza. Kelly still loves

her Mary Wash guys and gals, and misses our D.C./NYC reunions!

Rebecca J. Barnabi of Waldorf, Md., is a features reporter for the *Maryland Independent*. **Adam Rackliffe '05** and **Julia Haskins Rackliffe** of D.C. welcomed daughter Lilian Larson Rackliffe in November 2012. **David Dalton** of Arlington, Va., works for the nonprofit Veterans Service Organizations in Alexandria.

2007

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Jay Sinha is an associate attorney in the Alexandria, Va., office of LeClairRyan, working with the data privacy and security team, assisting companies with data and cyber-security concerns. Jay was accepted into the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership in U.Va.'s Emerging Leaders Program, so he'll get to spend some weekends in Richmond and Williamsburg.

Stephanie Tait McDermott, now an Army wife, married Scott McDermott in May. She is a social media and Web specialist for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Bethesda, Md., and earned a master's degree in publications design at the University of Baltimore, where she won an Excellence

in Writing Award.

Steve Esperon was accepted into a Northern Virginia fire/EMS academy. He started applying after he became a volunteer EMT and loved it. Steve is married to **Mallory Frazier '07**.

Megan Martinez Thoen earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Texas Tech University, and plans to study for the Texas state psychologist licensure exam and pursue a job in the Lubbock, Texas, area. **Marianne Shapiro Weiner**

earned a master's degree and works with the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va.

Suzanne Volinski Broadbent and **Christopher Broadbent** welcomed first child Elizabeth in May. Suzanne is a public relations representative at ARCADIS in White Plains, N.Y. Chris is a professional firefighter with the City of Stamford, Conn.

2008

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Davis Hand and **Emily Timberlake** of Portland, Ore., wed in June 2012. **Parker Newman**, **Sean O'Neill**, **Cristy Falcone**, **Erin Richardson**, **Lizzie Bourret**, **Jenny Bryant**, **David Snellings**, and **Mike Pena '10** attended. Davis earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech and is an Intel validations engineer. Emily earned an international Montessori teaching certificate and is a Montessori teacher.

Jessica Smith '10 and **Leslie Worthington** of D.C. plan to marry next fall in Baltimore.

2009

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Lindsay McClelland moved to Houston, works in social media and PR at an advertising agency, and was preparing to run her sixth marathon in D.C. in October.

Court Crenshaw and **Katie Barkley** married in June and honeymooned in St. Thomas. **Rebecca Blackwell** and **Brad Kuller** got engaged in June in Virginia.

Jessie Hager Bowden was expecting a baby boy this fall. **Charlotte Rowell Sellier** and husband Joel welcomed baby Penelope "Poppy" Marion Sellier in March. **Talya Halpern Conroy** and **Jimmy Conroy** welcomed baby girl Minnie this summer.



2010

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2013

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Anne Ratcliffe Webb '31
Evelyn Suttle Reams Flowers '36
Lillian Ronelda Forrest Johnson '38
Mary Elizabeth Lowe Hutton Monroe '38
Ella Blake Settle '39
Helen Boothe Crumbley '40
Emma Ruth Watkins Pritchard '41
Evelyn "Pete" Beery Ander '42
Rebecca "Becky" Buckingham Straw '42
Marjorie Couper Baldwin Roughton '43
Genevieve "Jean" St. Pierre Senecal Scott '43
Nancy Turner Duval Andrews '44
Virginia Grace Longerbeam Armstrong '44
Lucy Day Beale '44
Jeanne Shade Bott '44
Christine Vassar Crute '44
Eileen Boush Davis '44
Elizabeth Ann Gorham Simpson '44
Annie Gertrude "Gertie" Adams '45
Frances Ellen Corcoran Canfield '45
Duane Eloise Curtis Harrell '45
Frances Stebbins Shelton '45
Harriet "Polly" Simmons Barrows Williams '45
Elizabeth "Betty" Fleet Flood Edmondo '46
Jayne Nansen '46
Margaret Ellen Butler '47
Irma Hagerty Connor '47
Mary Ellen Baxter Cummings '47
Dorothy Vawter Cundiff '47
Geraldine Gilbert Saunders '47
Stella Kathryn Phipps Todd '47
Sarah Armstrong Worman Gregg '48

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Mary Lou Sullivan '48
Margaret Lewis Alford '49
Hilda Louise Jones Blakemore '49
Verna Virginia Varley Burchell '49
Virgina "Jinny" Merrill MacLeod '49
Arthea Howell Ogburn '49
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Bernice Noffsinger Thomas '49
Helen Byrd Gresham Walton '49
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Margaret Parker Rosenthal '50
Gretchen Anderson Cogar '51
Rosalie Branham Haight '51
Mary Beaumont "Polly" Peters '51
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Betty Anderson Buck '53
Edyth Marshall Weaver '54
Kathleen Mary Clarkson Barlow '55
Shirley Ann Lee '57
Patricia Kelly Rudiger '58
Anne Phillips Chapman '59
Margaret Thomas Mallory '60
Janice Burleson Collins '61
Judith Saunders Slifer '61
Lucy Ellen Jeffries Hawkins '62
Gertrude Talbot deButts Cain '63
Carolyn deCamps Dunaway '63
Pamela Beth Brookes Weiseman '63
Melba Maxine Lilly Hutsell '64
Linda Hopkins Lapin '64
Diane Wagner Turley '65
Carolina Eaton Ipock '66
Brenda Taylor Schuler '66
Betty Camille Woodard Johnson '68

Sandra Usry Wasser '73
Sharon A. Schweissinger Conner '82
Deborah Jean Chappell '83
Barbara Jane Roop Jarnecke '90
John David "JD" Holzgreffe '08

CONDOLENCES

Lucretia "Lucy" Vance Gilmer '49, who lost her sister
Jeanne Farrington Leslie '49, who lost her husband
Roselyn "Rosie" Bell Morris '51, who lost her husband
Marcy Trembath Pitkin '61, who lost her brother
Linda Giles Poole '61, who lost her son
Lynne Wilson Rupert '61, who lost her husband
Eleanore Saunders Sunderland '61, who lost her sister
Mary Ellen Morris Chewning '63, who lost her brother
Barbara Ioanes '64, who lost her mother
Barbara Kellam Latham '64, who lost her mother
Ellen Grace Jaronczyk '70, who lost her mother
Doris Lee Hancock '71, who lost her husband
Susan Tyler Maguigan '74, who lost her father
Mary Turner Andrews DeWorken '75, who lost her mother
Eva Grace Shedd '76, who lost her mother
Ruth Carter Pritchard '78, who lost her mother
Catherine "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel '85, who lost her mother
Jeniffer Levering Galvin '92, who lost her father
Katie Levering Sears '92, who lost her father
Matthew Edward Hardin '05, who lost his father

Memorial Gifts

In the last year, gifts have been made to the University of Mary Washington in memory of these beloved members of the community who have passed on.

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These gifts were made between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013.



CLOSING COLUMN

President Richard V. Hurley, chair of the Virginia Council of Presidents, has addressed the topic of STEM in combination with the liberal arts in a variety of settings recently. He wrote about it for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's *Business Horizon Quarterly* and in an op-ed published in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. What follows was published online in the *Huffington Post*.

UMW's Added Value: STEM + Liberal Arts

By Richard V. Hurley, president, University of Mary Washington

Parents sending their children off to college these days have a right to worry: Unemployment rates are intractably high, college costs are skyrocketing, and students are graduating with unprecedented debt. As the president of a public liberal arts institution, I am especially sensitive to the "return-on-investment" question. And so it is no surprise when high school students and their parents ask our admissions counselors, "Do you offer STEM?"

Without question, STEM is the new buzzword for those anxious about post-graduation employment. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – all disciplines in which America must excel if it is to retain its industrial and economic strength.

The STEM job sector is growing at twice the rate of non-STEM occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, but we should note some caveats. First, let's remember that STEM workers, as identified by the Commerce Department, constitute only 5.5 percent of the workforce. Second, while STEM workers overall may earn 26 percent more than their counterparts, the greatest differential is seen in the lowest-level jobs; the higher the terminal degree, the smaller the earnings difference.

Moreover, it is not a given that the only path to STEM job success is the STEM degree: About one-third of college-educated workers in STEM professions do not hold degrees in STEM. Two-thirds of people holding STEM undergraduate degrees work in non-STEM jobs. One-fifth of math majors, for instance, end up working in education. Nearly 40 percent of STEM managers hold non-STEM degrees.

So to those high school students and parents who anxiously ask, "Do you offer STEM?" I have a couple of things to say: First, remember that we are a college of the liberal arts and sciences. Far too often in casual writing and conversation the "sciences" part is left off of that phrase. Yes, the University of Mary Washington teaches STEM. We offer degrees in math and science, including biology, chemistry, computer science, geographic information systems, environmental science, geology, physics, and the social sciences as well as business and

education (teaching). We are *pre-law*, and we are *pre-med*.

But better yet, I tell them, "We offer STEM-plus."

Our STEM education is built on a broad foundation that exposes students to arts, humanities, and social sciences. Our pure and applied science and math disciplines are all built upon our core liberal arts foundation. That's the *plus* part.

We all know that the liberal arts and sciences prepare us to be better citizens, to help us understand ourselves

and others. But they also prepare us for business and careers. And if our graduates pursue careers in science or technology, they will possess the ability – and I am quoting from our academic catalog here – to "understand, evaluate, articulate, and advance their ideas and the ideas of others."

The CEOs of Dell, JPMorgan Chase, Walt Disney, IBM, and FedEx all had liberal arts educations. English was the background for both Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Harold Varmus, director of

the National Cancer Institute.

New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, author of *The World Is Flat*, recently updated his acclaimed book with a whole section on the importance of liberal arts. "It's not that I don't think math and science are important," he said. "They still are. But more than ever our secret sauce comes from our ability to integrate art, science, music, and literature with the hard sciences. That's what produces an iPod revolution or a Google."

Friedman could have quoted the late Steve Jobs when he rolled out the iPad2: "It is in Apple's DNA that technology alone is not enough. It's technology married with liberal arts, married with humanities, that yields the results that make our hearts sing."

So who brings together the scientists, the engineers, the designers, and humanists? I think you know by now what I believe. Not every one of our graduates will go on to be a Steve Jobs. But I hope they will be broad thinkers, big thinkers, creative and fearless thinkers.

And that thought makes my heart sing.





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Gotcha!

Associate Professor of Biology Alan Griffith locked eyes with the camera when robed faculty assembled as they do each August for Honor Convocation. During the ceremony, incoming students recite and sign the Honor Pledge and agree to uphold the UMW Honor System and live by its code of ethics. If you graduated in the last few decades, you might have sat in classrooms with some of these professors. Recognize anyone?